

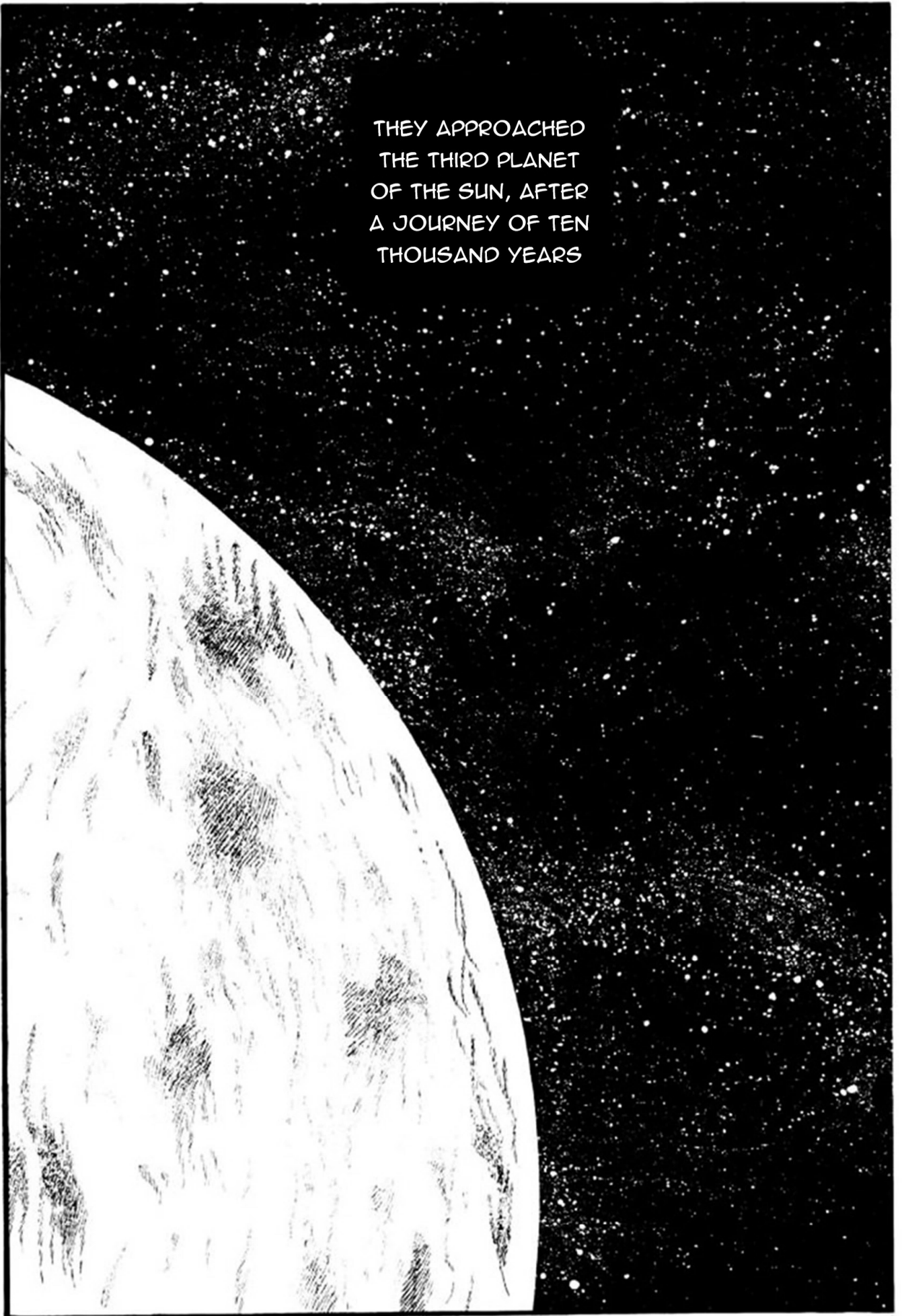
# THUNDER MASK

OSAMU TEZUKA

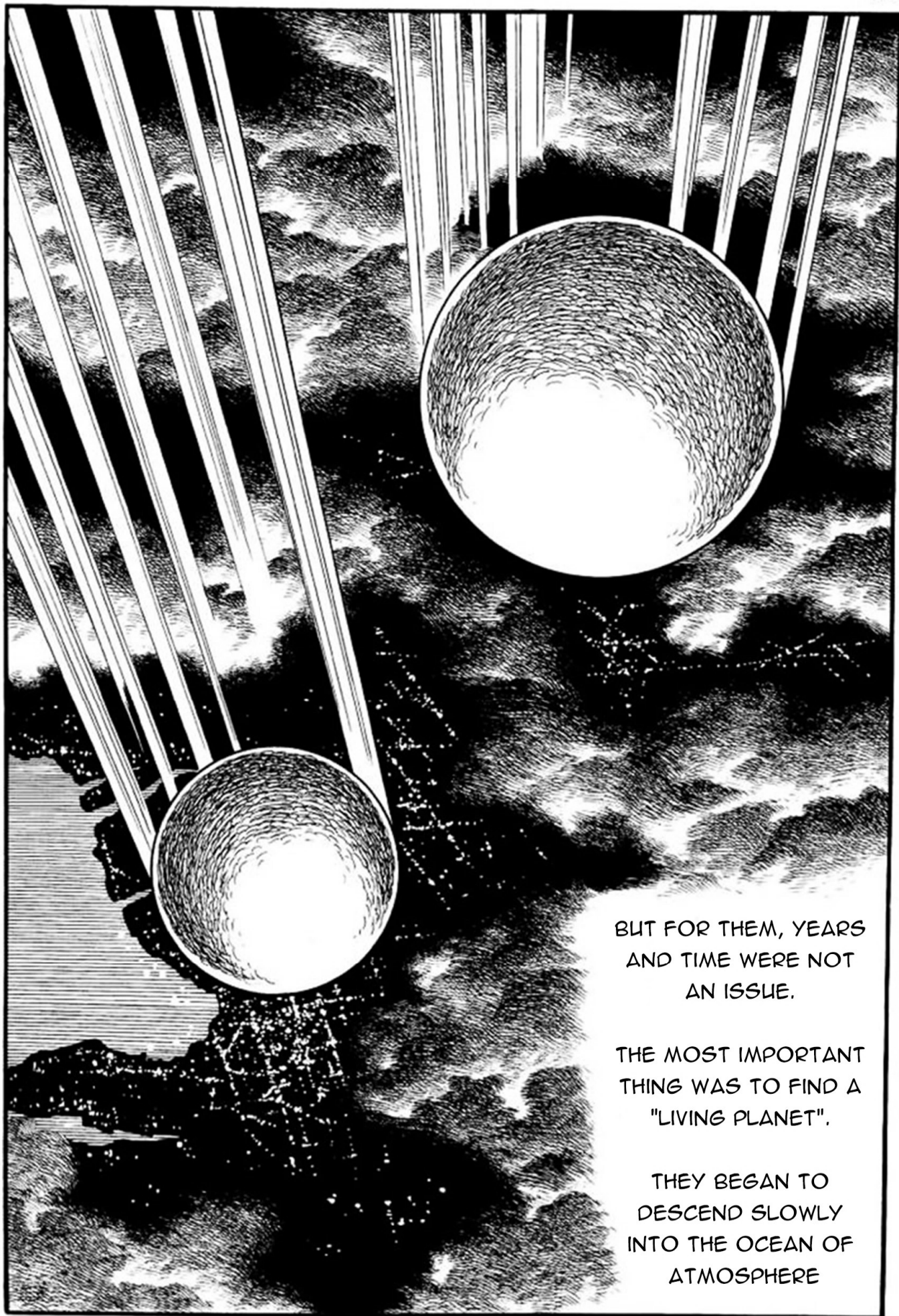




THEY APPROACHED  
THE THIRD PLANET  
OF THE SUN, AFTER  
A JOURNEY OF TEN  
THOUSAND YEARS







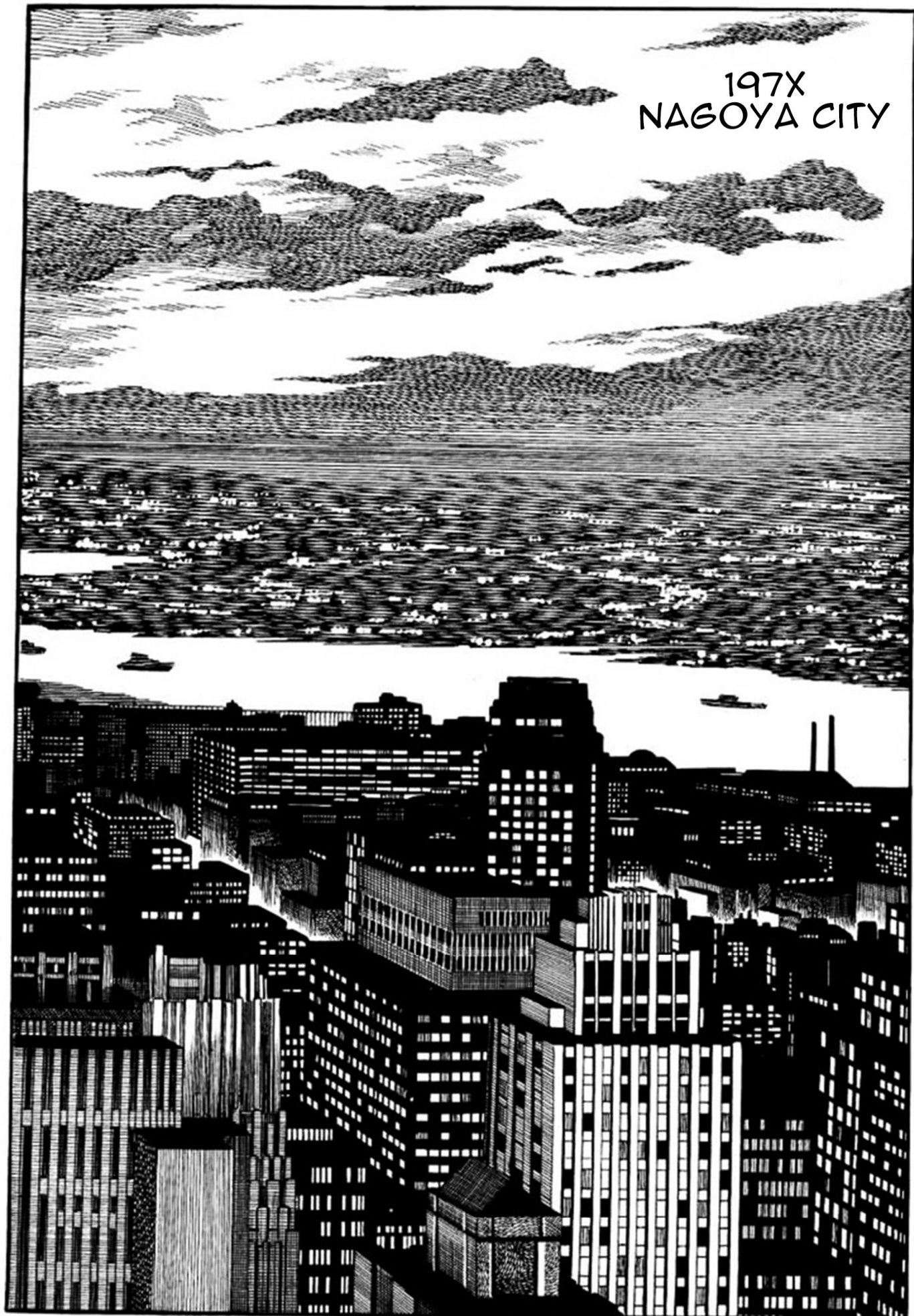
BUT FOR THEM, YEARS  
AND TIME WERE NOT  
AN ISSUE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT  
THING WAS TO FIND A  
"LIVING PLANET".

THEY BEGAN TO  
DESCEND SLOWLY  
INTO THE OCEAN OF  
ATMOSPHERE



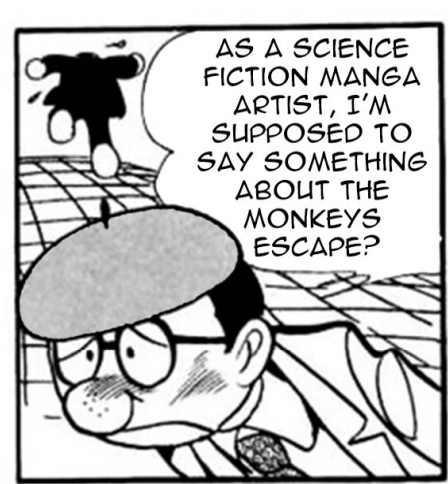
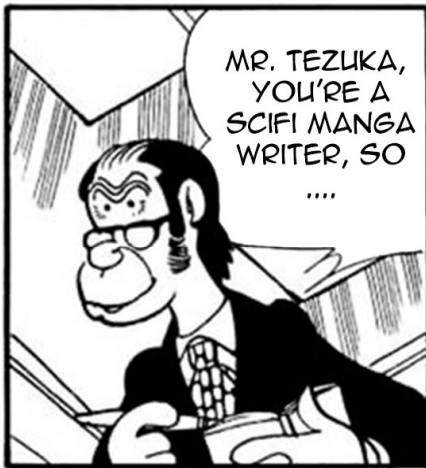
197X  
NAGOYA CITY













I WONDER  
WHAT TIME  
WE'LL BE ABLE  
TO GET TO  
OSAKA NOW

OH DEAR,  
I'M LATE FOR A  
CONVENTION IN  
NAGOYA

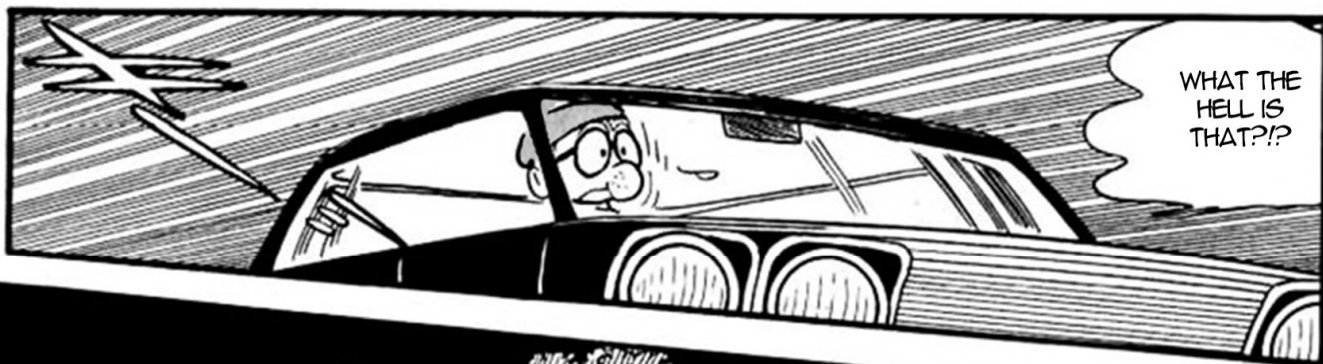
I'VE HEARD THAT  
THERE ARE A LOT OF  
ACCIDENTS ON THE  
MEISHIN EXPRESSWAY  
AT NIGHT, SO  
I'M WORRIED

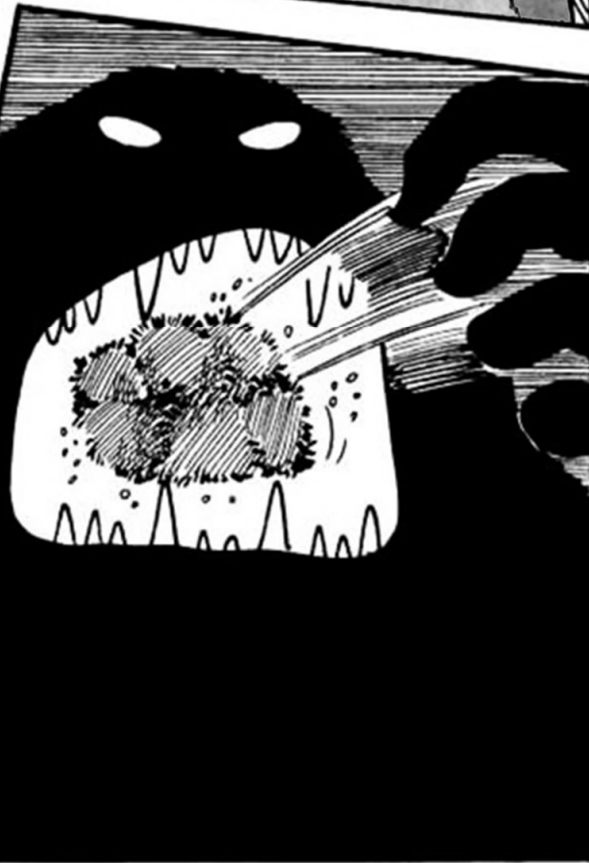
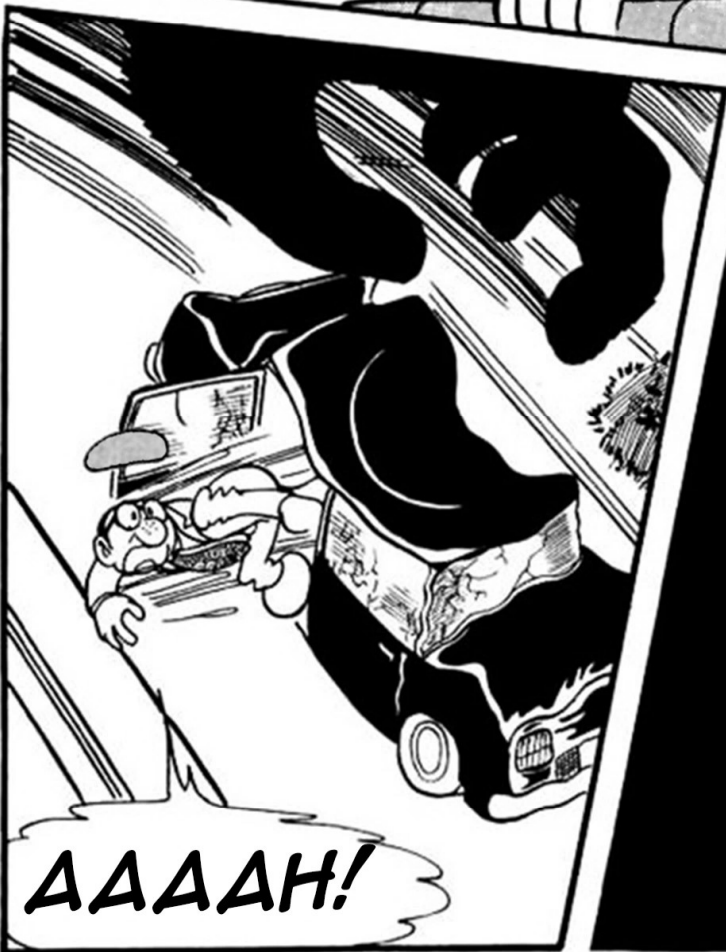
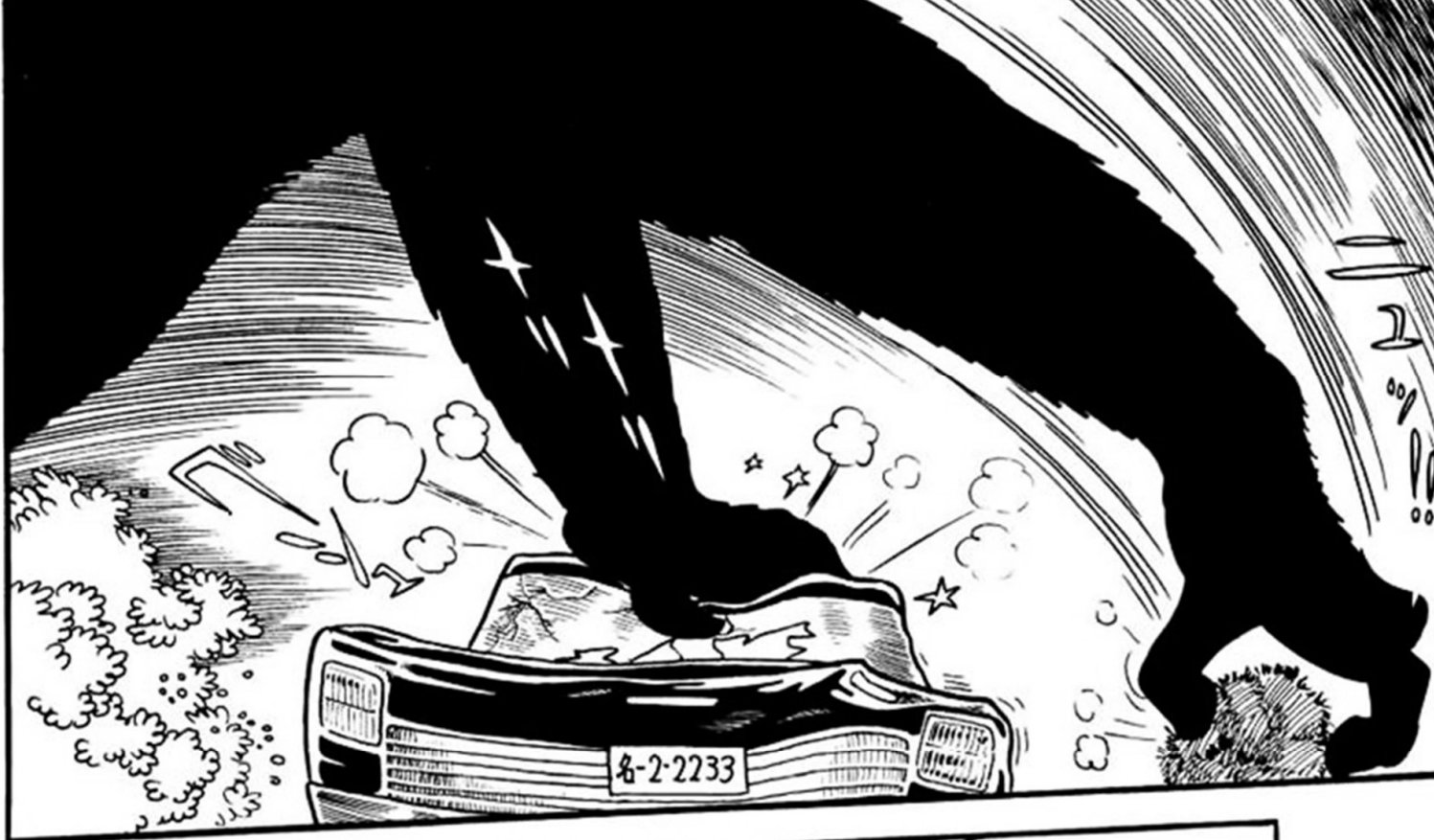
岐阜 30KM  
GIFU

UH OH

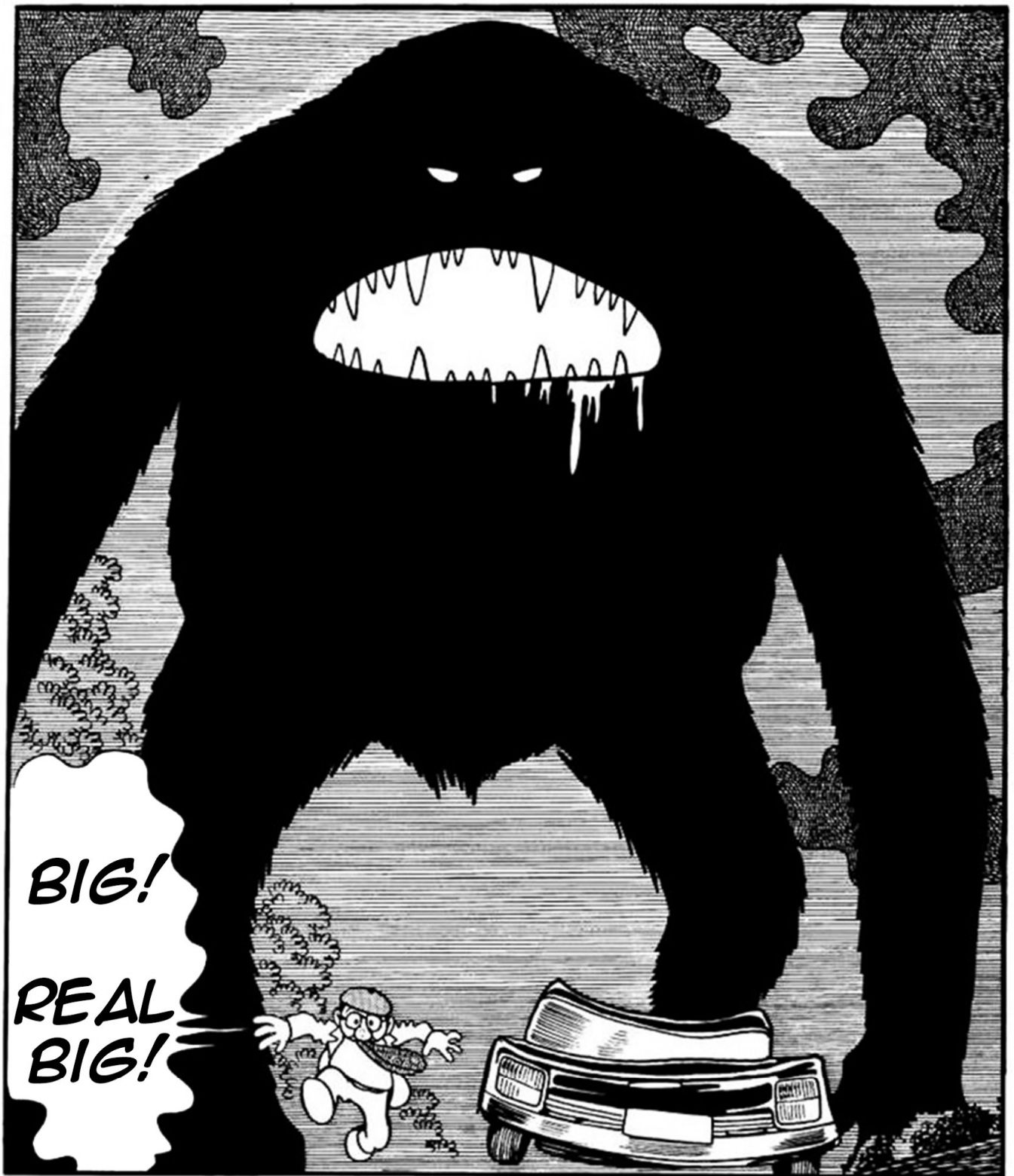
ALSO  
I DON'T  
HAVE MY  
DRIVERS  
LICENSE













UM...  
IS THIS  
DR.  
TEZUKA?

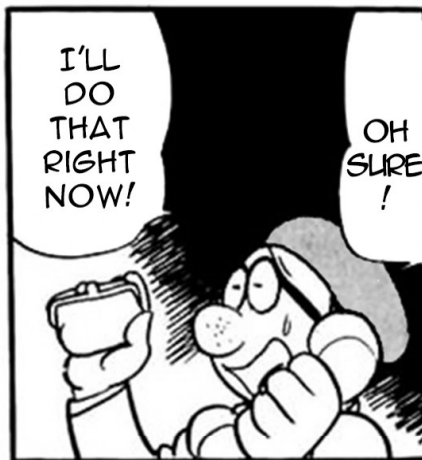
B-BIG  
H-HANDS

HELLO  
HELLO  
HELLO  
HELLO

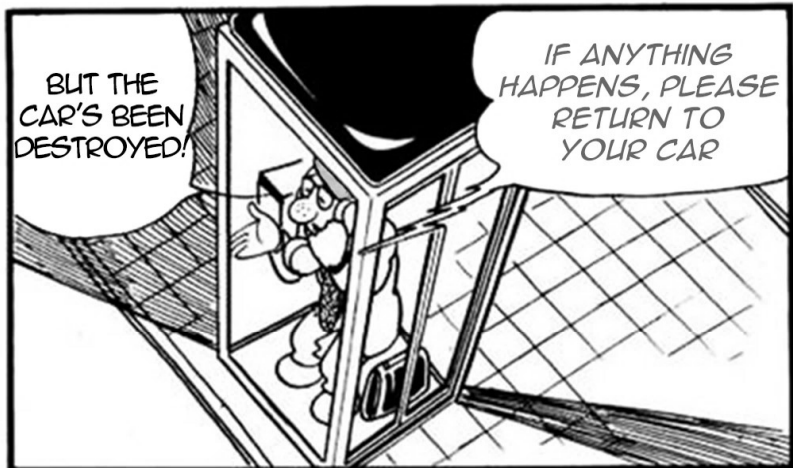
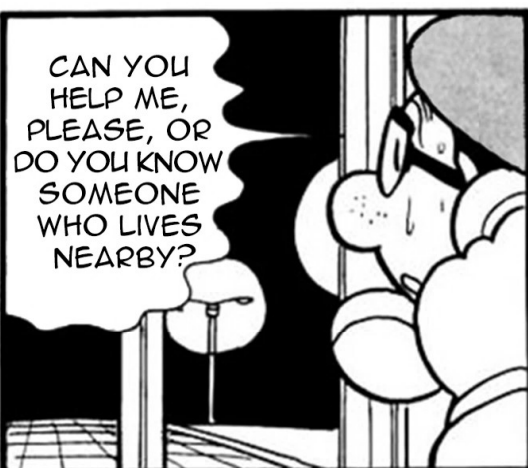
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CONFERENCE

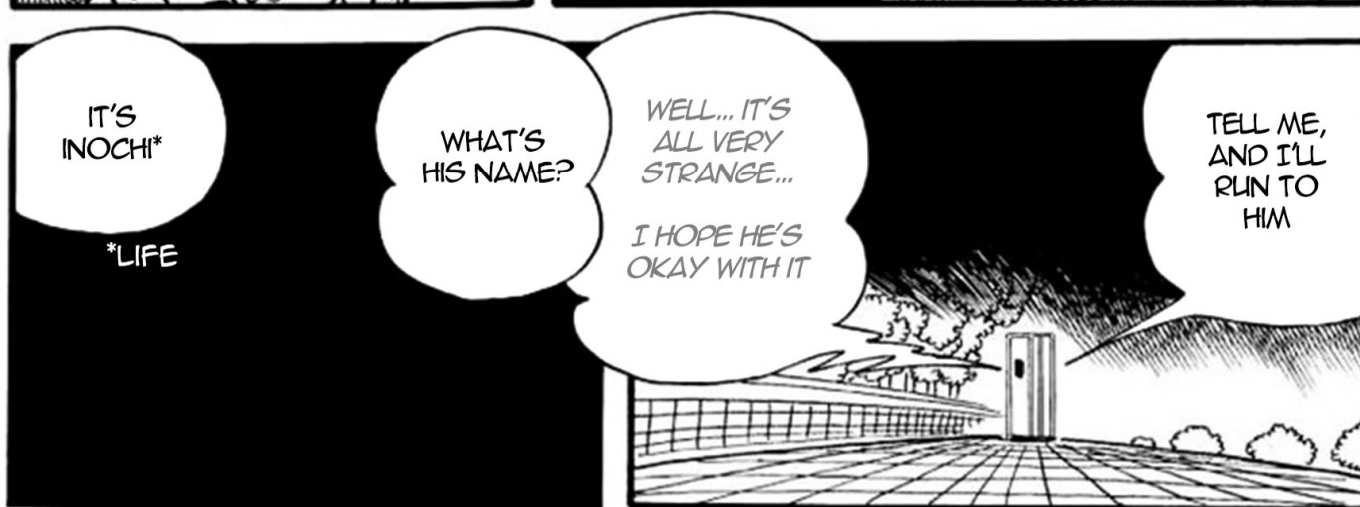
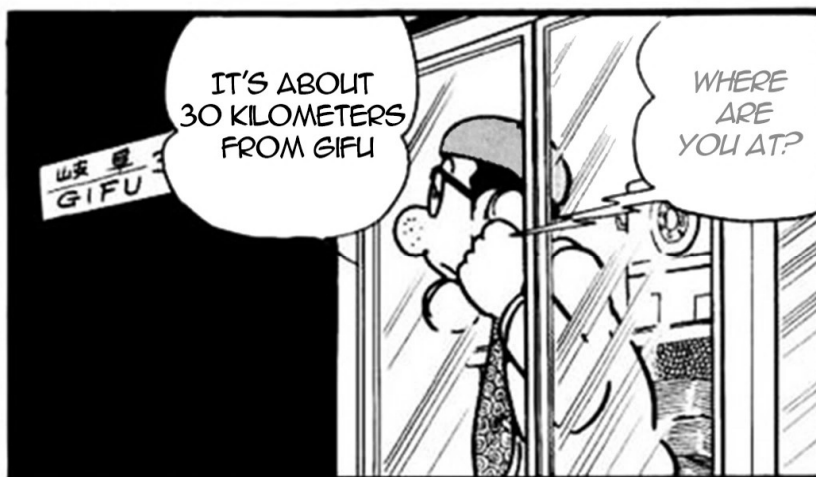






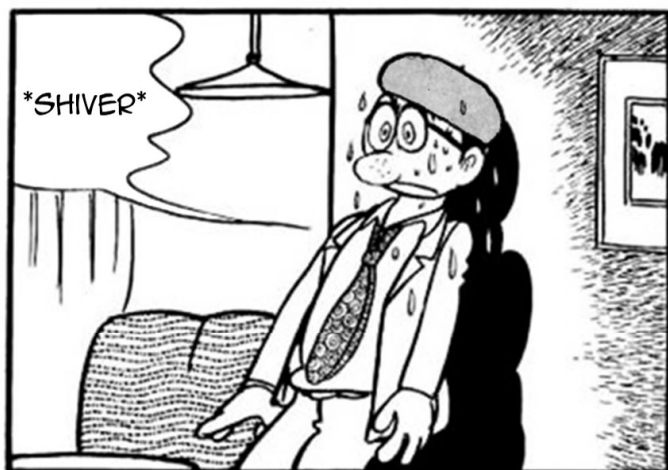
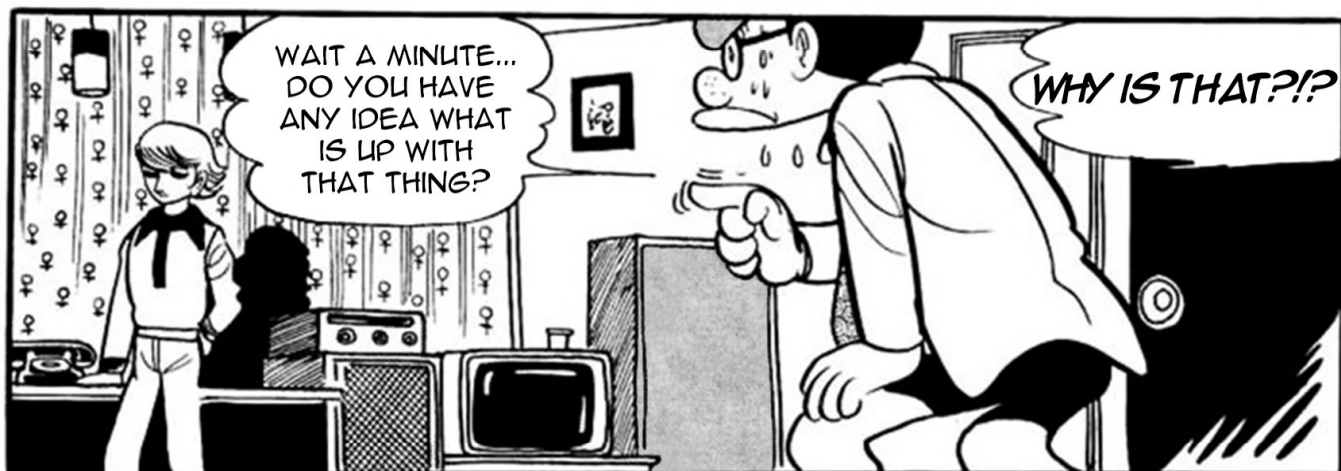
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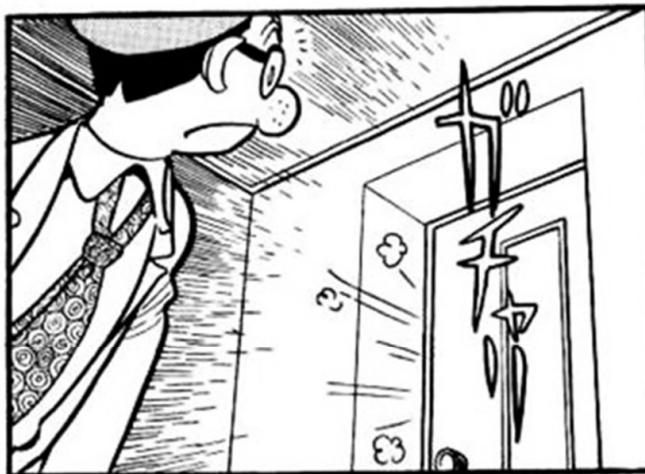
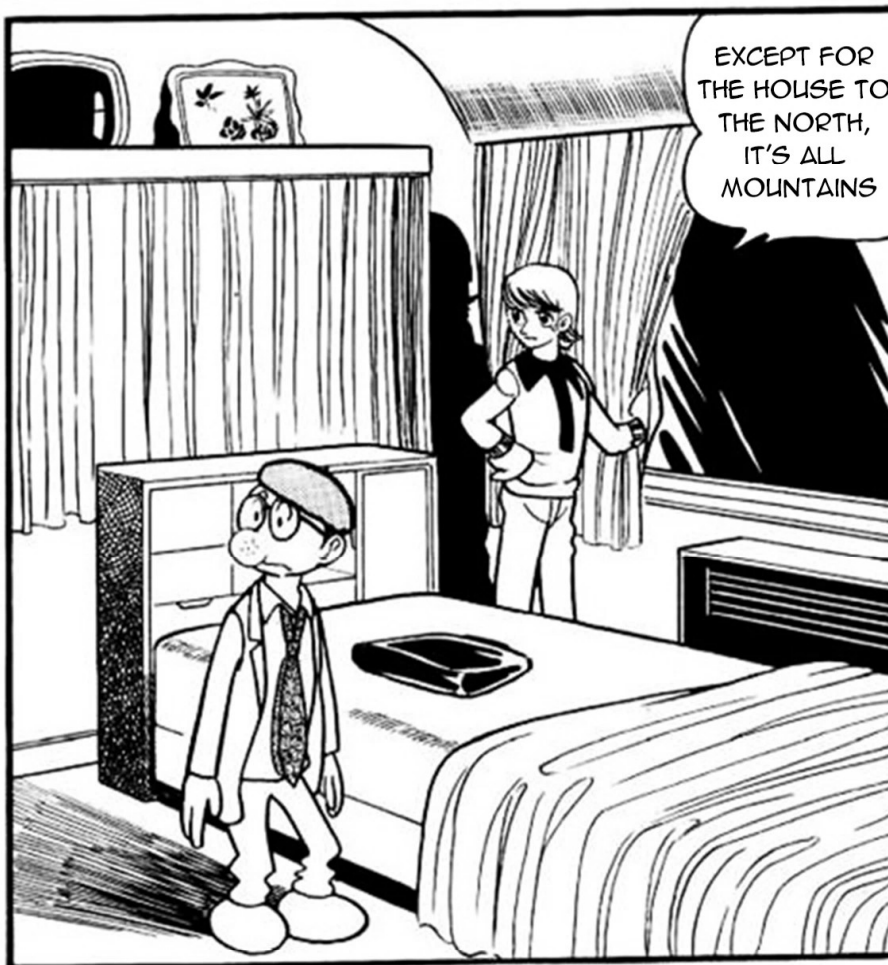


















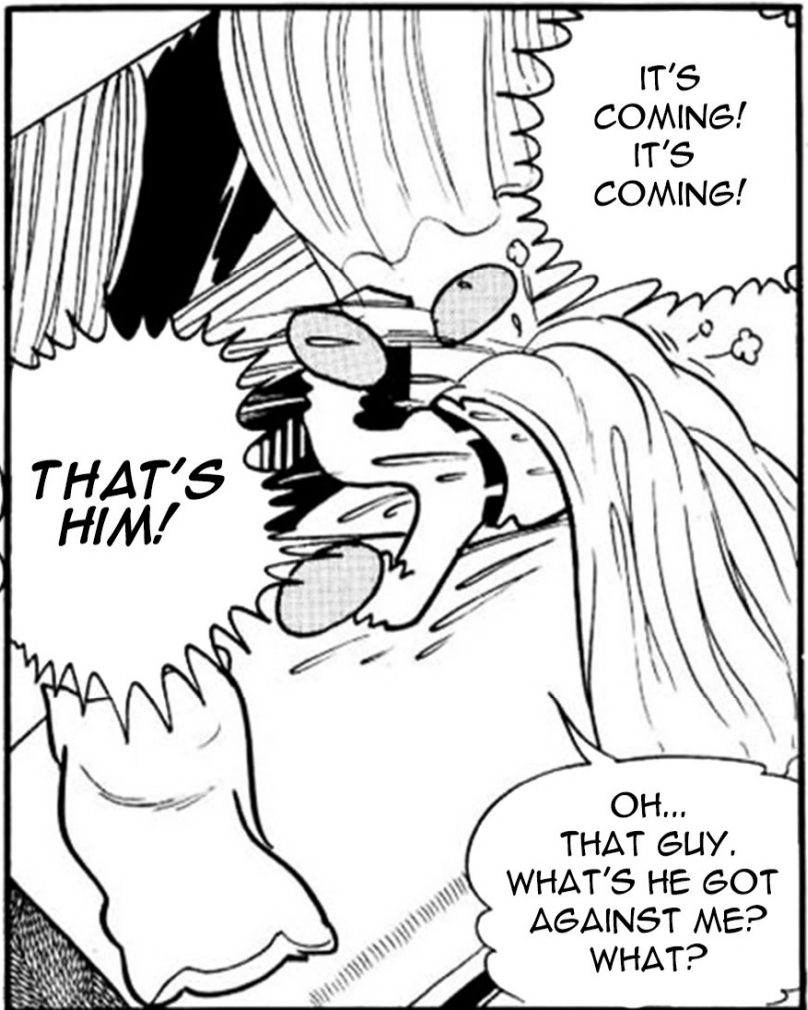


OPEN UP!  
OPEN UP!  
OPEN UP!

WHAT KIND  
OF WEAPON  
DO I HAVE?



ALL I  
HAVE ARE  
MANGA



IT'S  
COMING!  
IT'S  
COMING!

**THAT'S  
HIM!**

OH...  
THAT GUY.  
WHAT'S HE GOT  
AGAINST ME?  
WHAT?



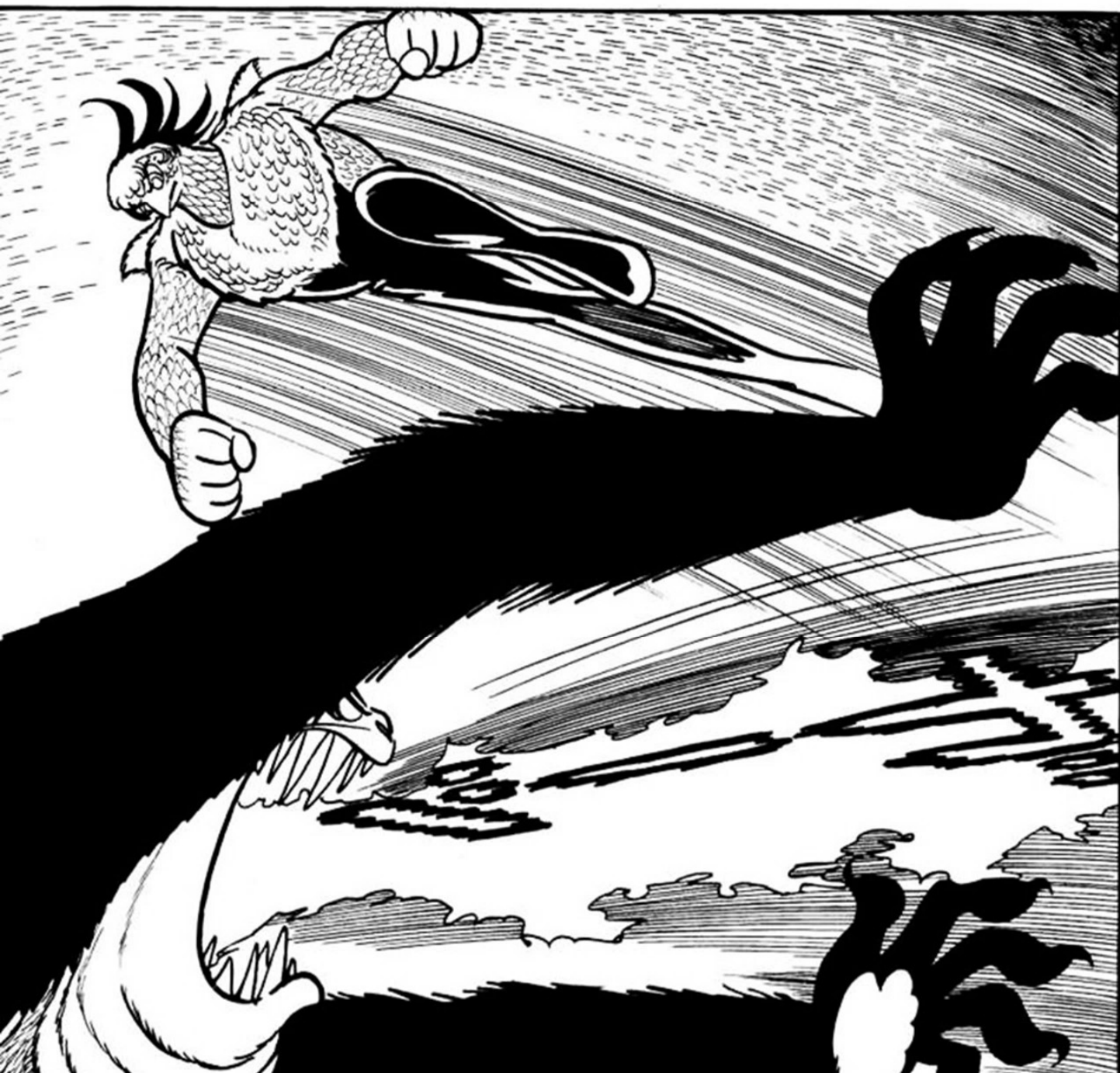
**AH!**



PEN IS  
MIGHTIER  
THAN THE  
SWORD!

THERE IT  
IS! A  
PEN!







**ЗЕНДАААА!**

**ГАНБААААА!**







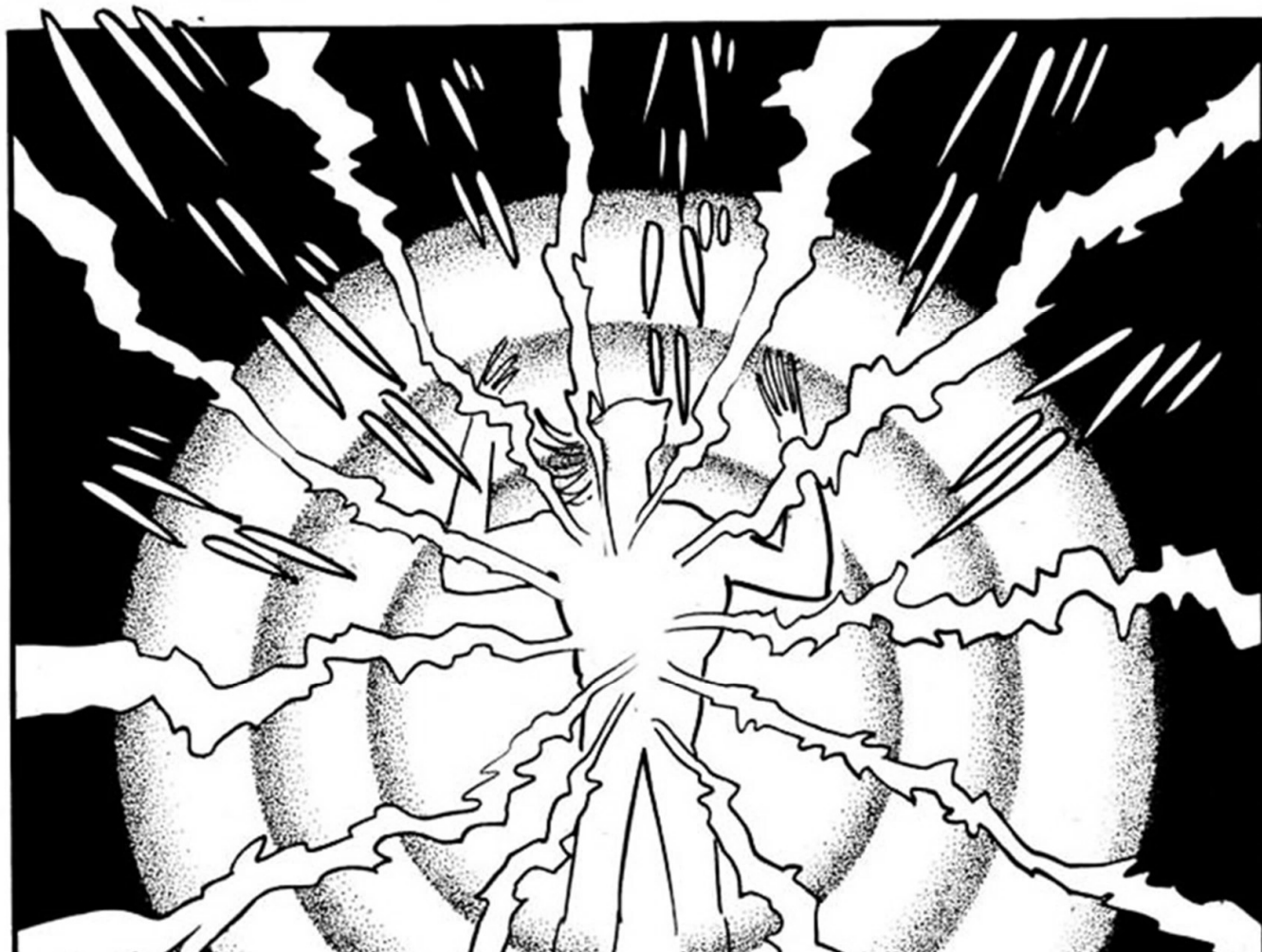
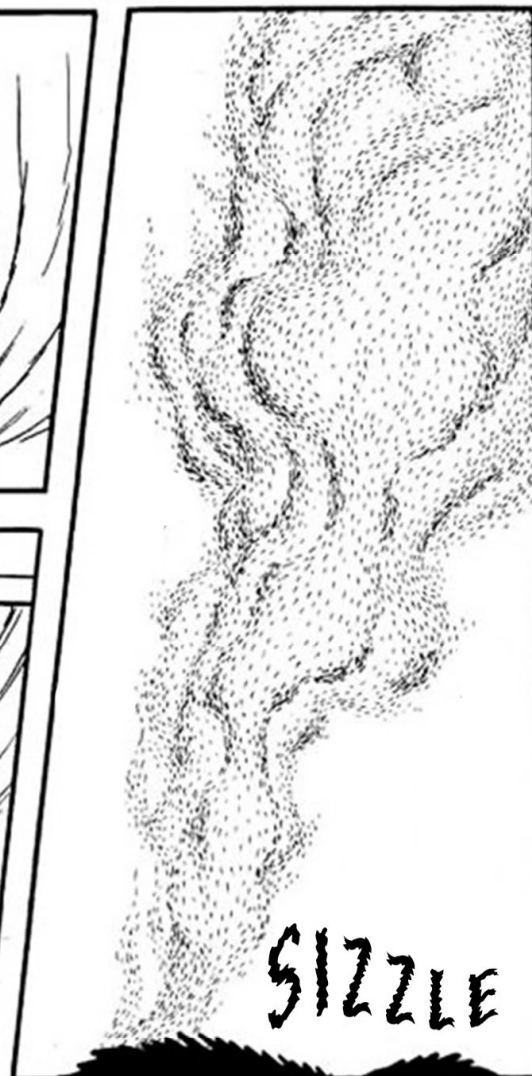


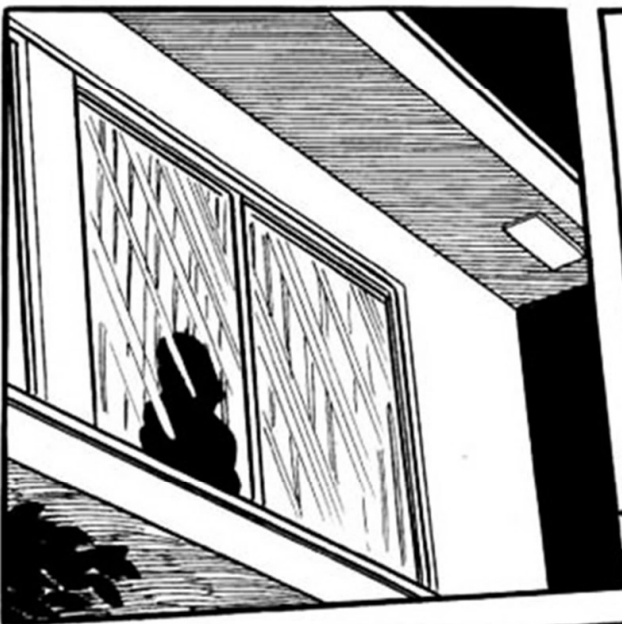
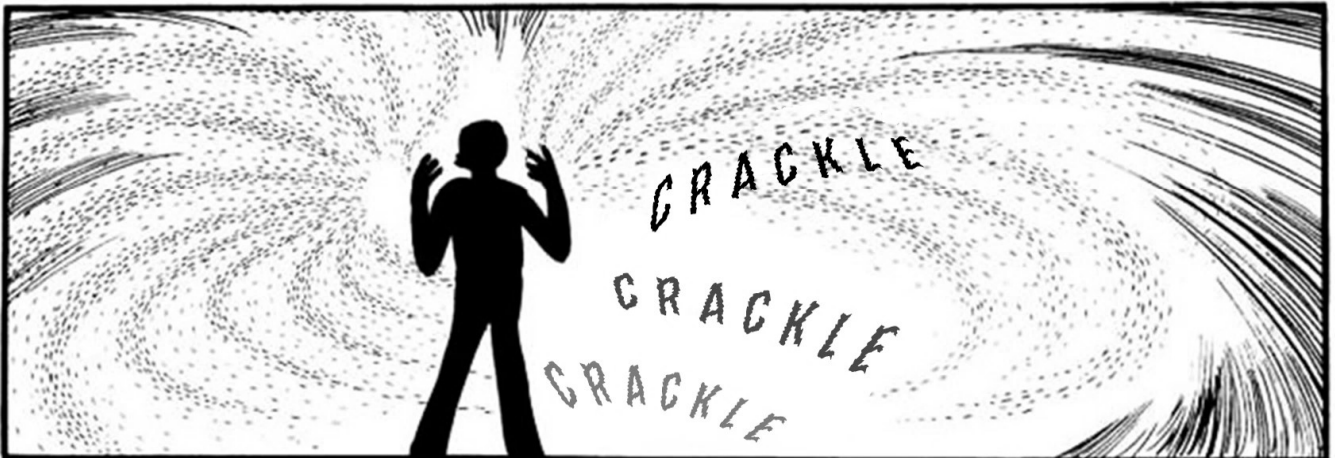




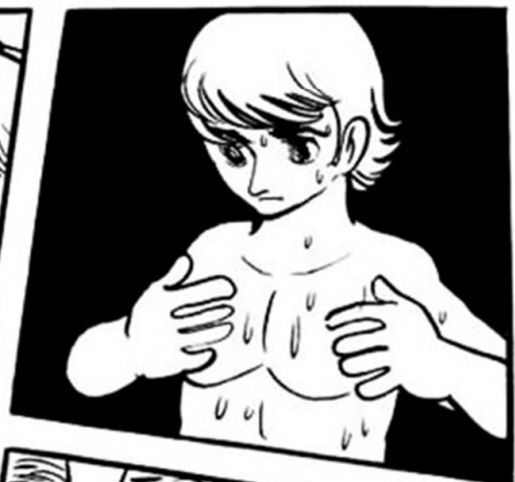




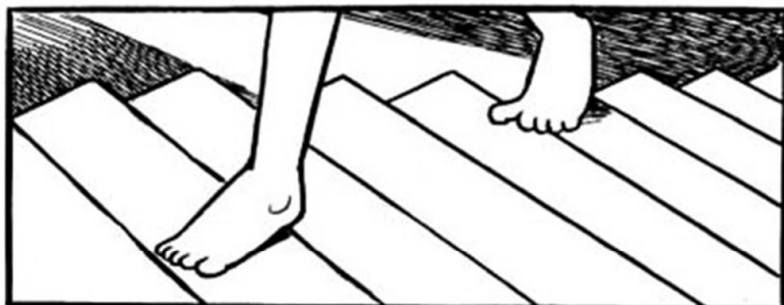


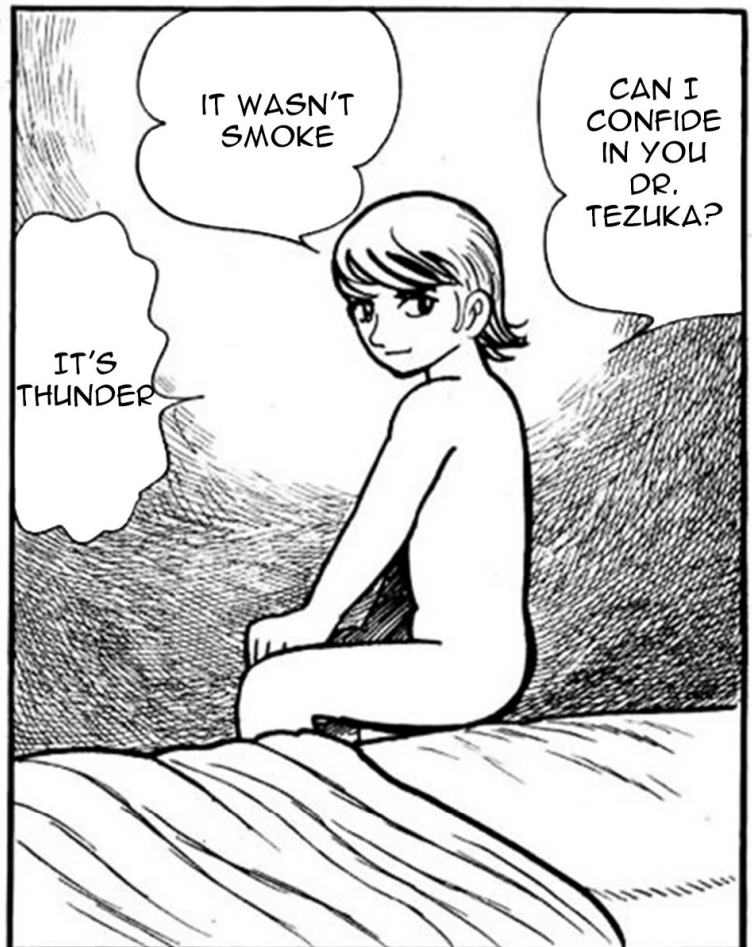
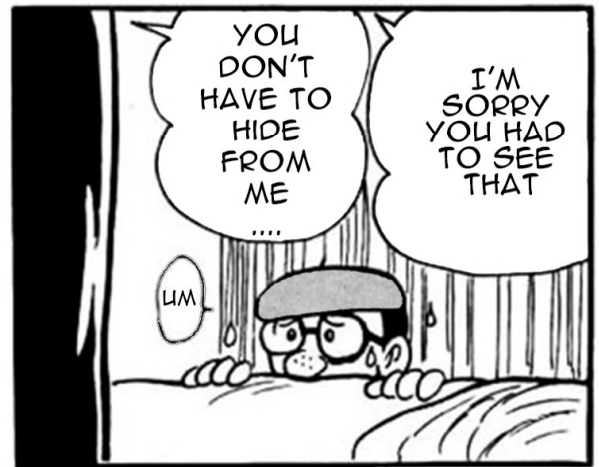
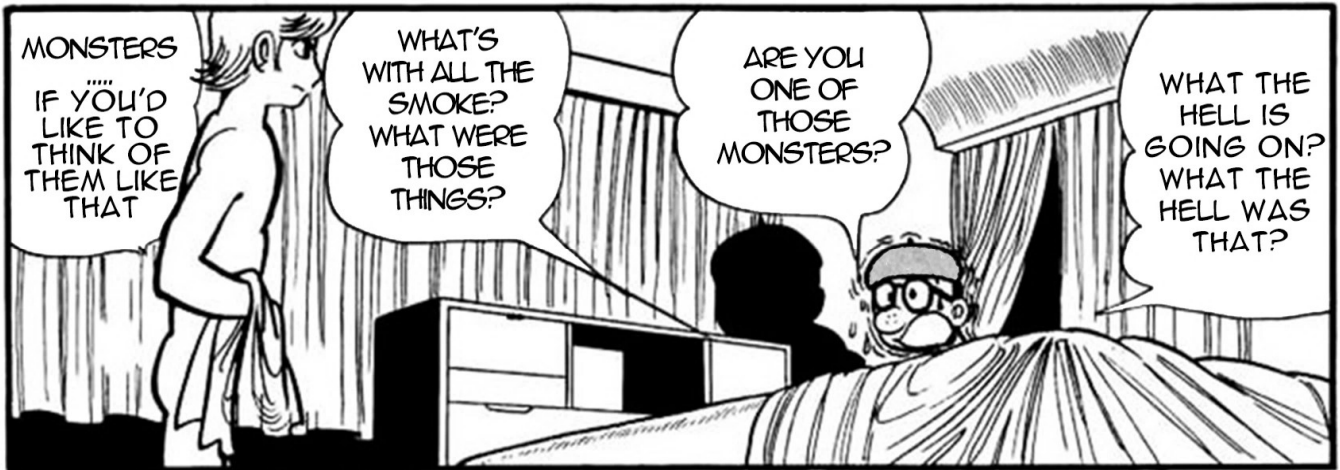


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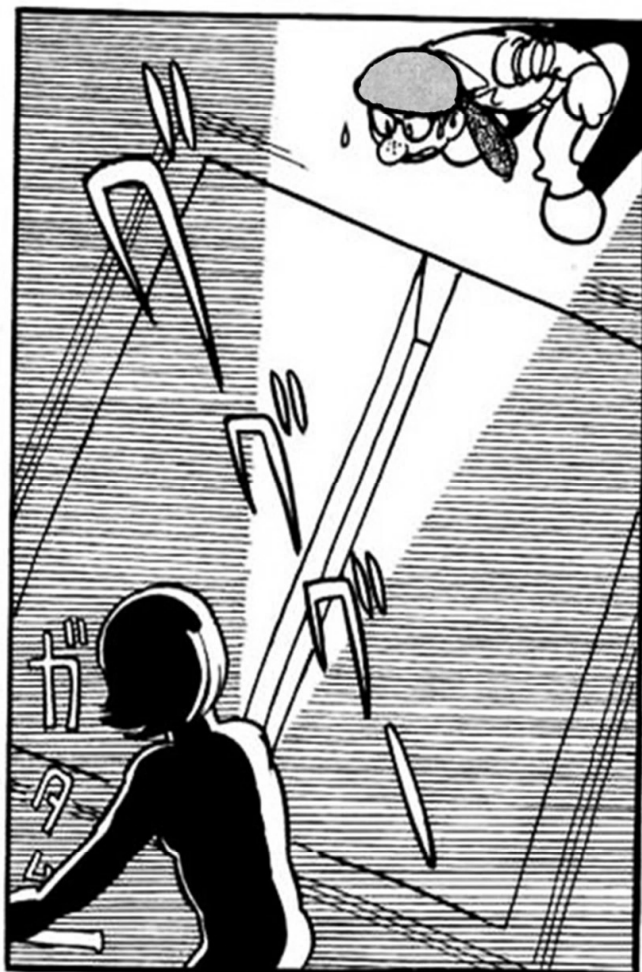
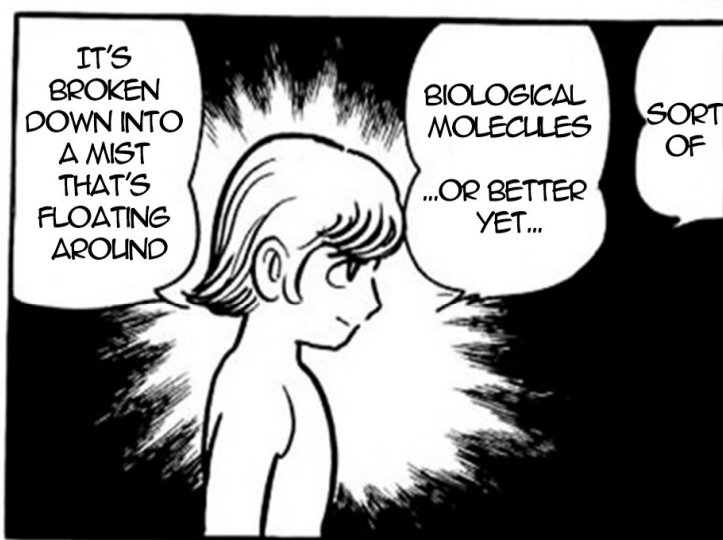


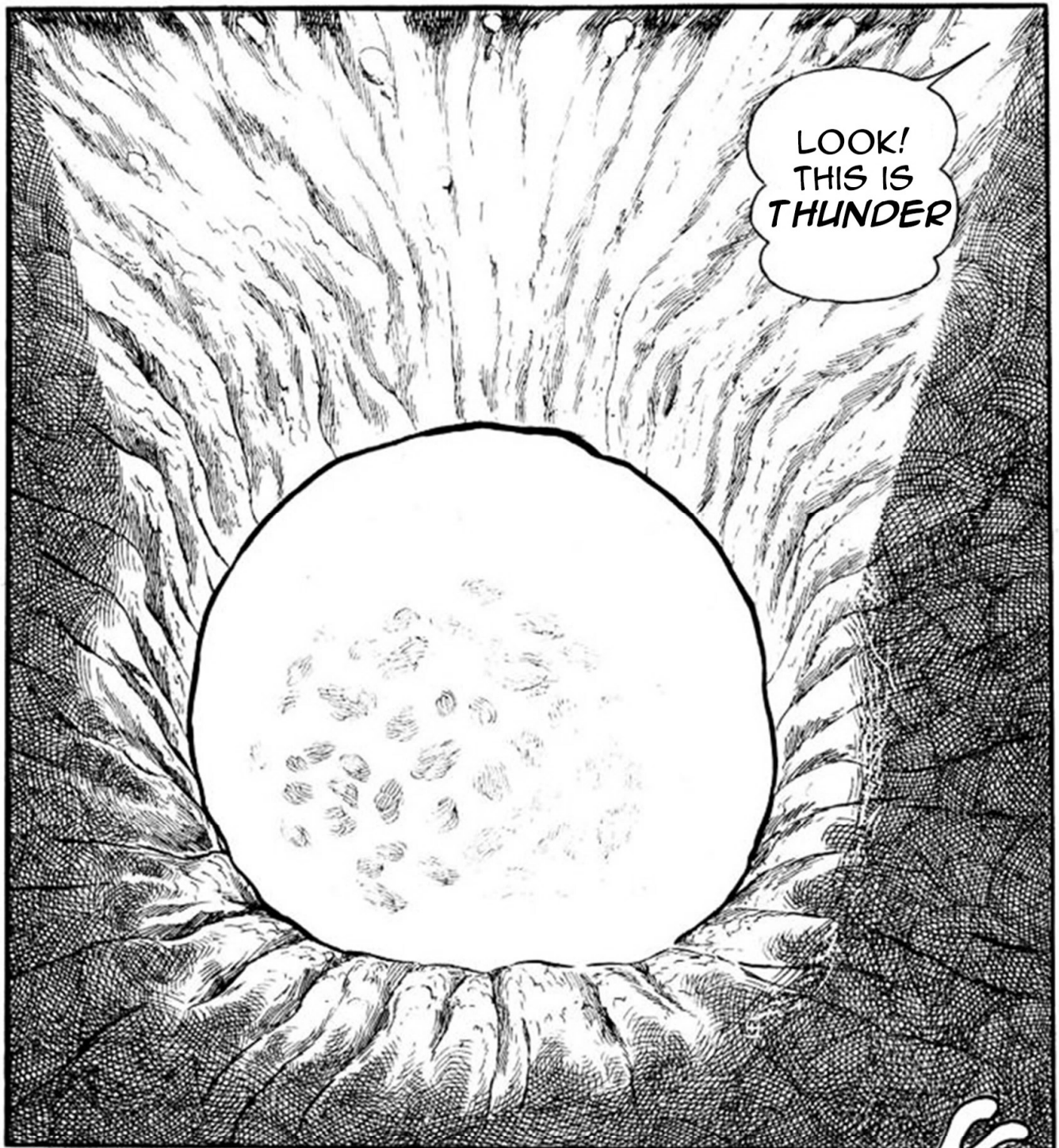




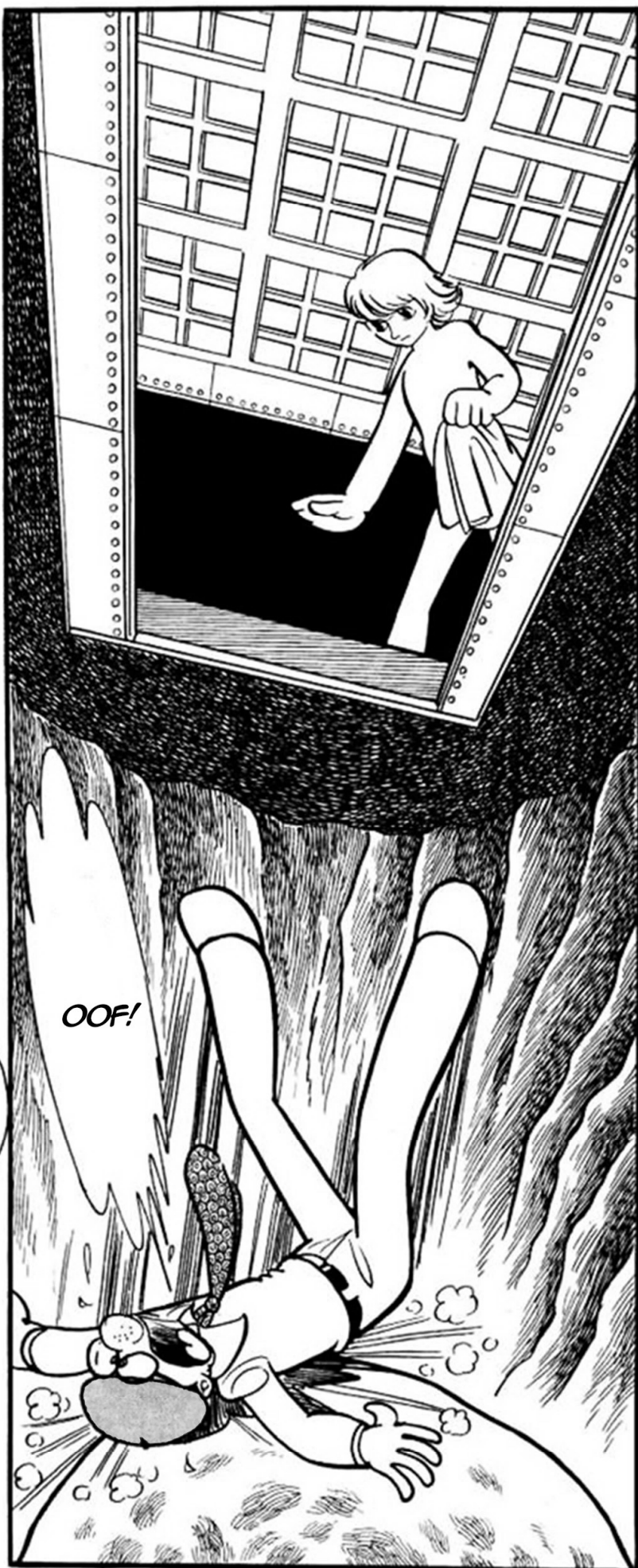


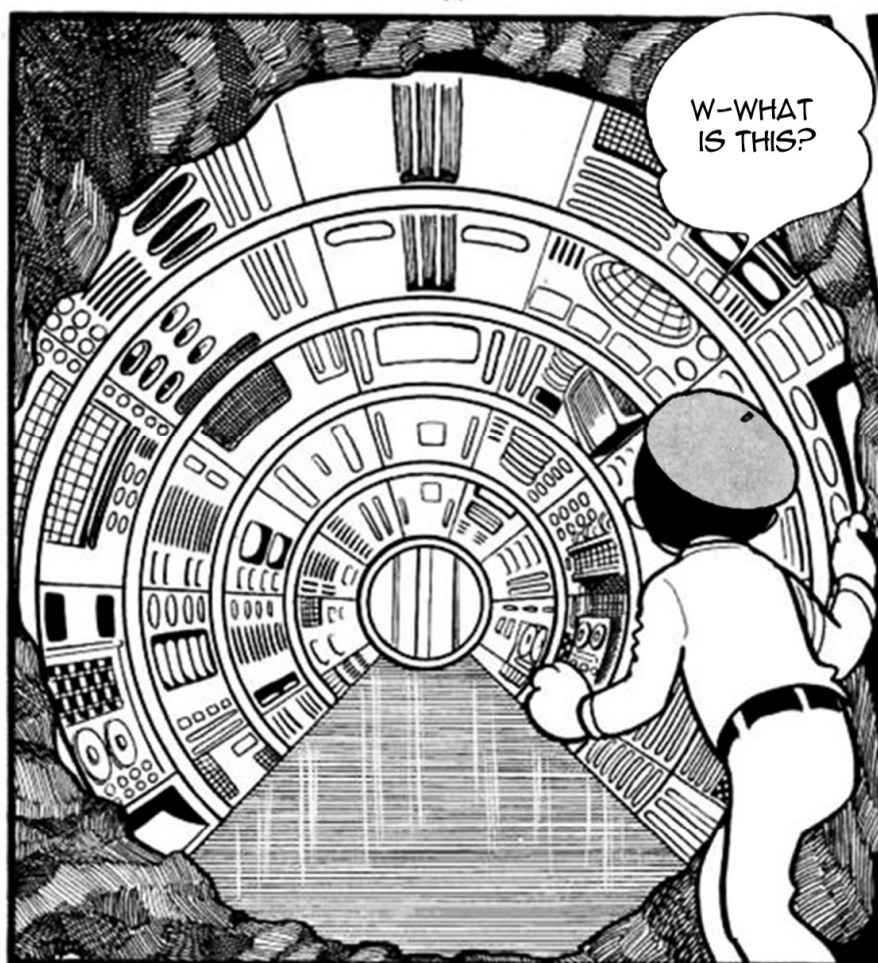
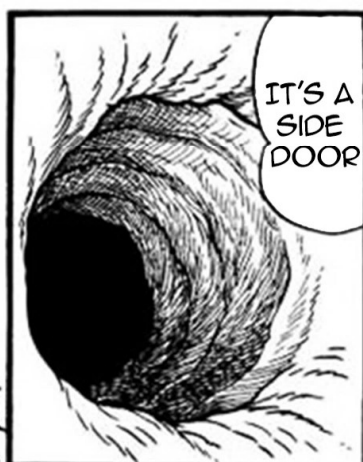
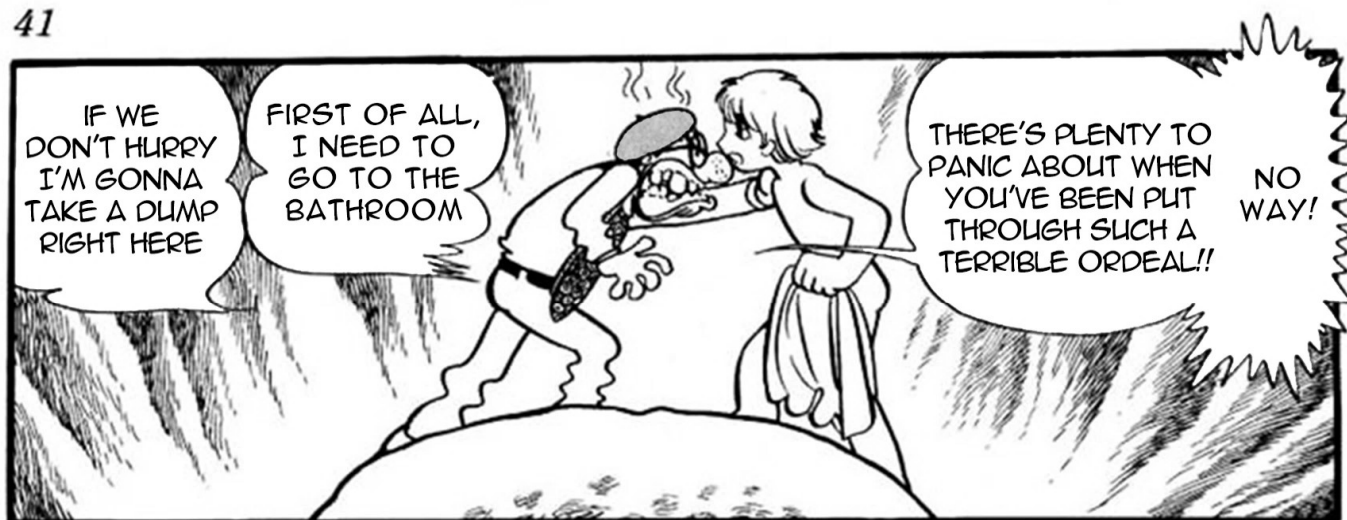




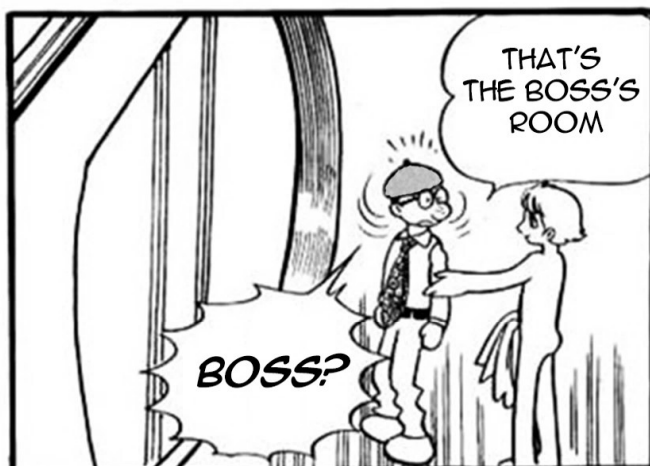
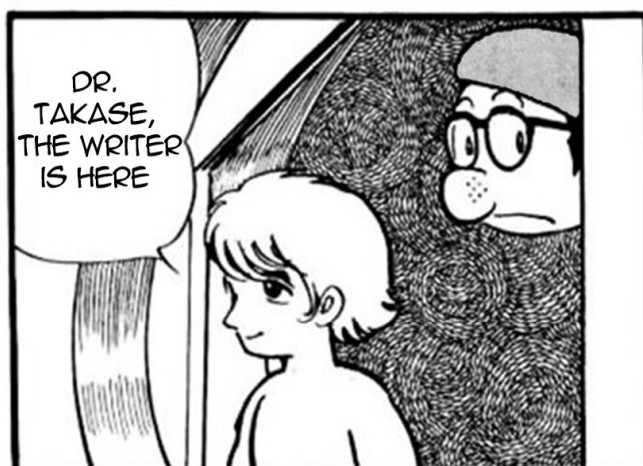
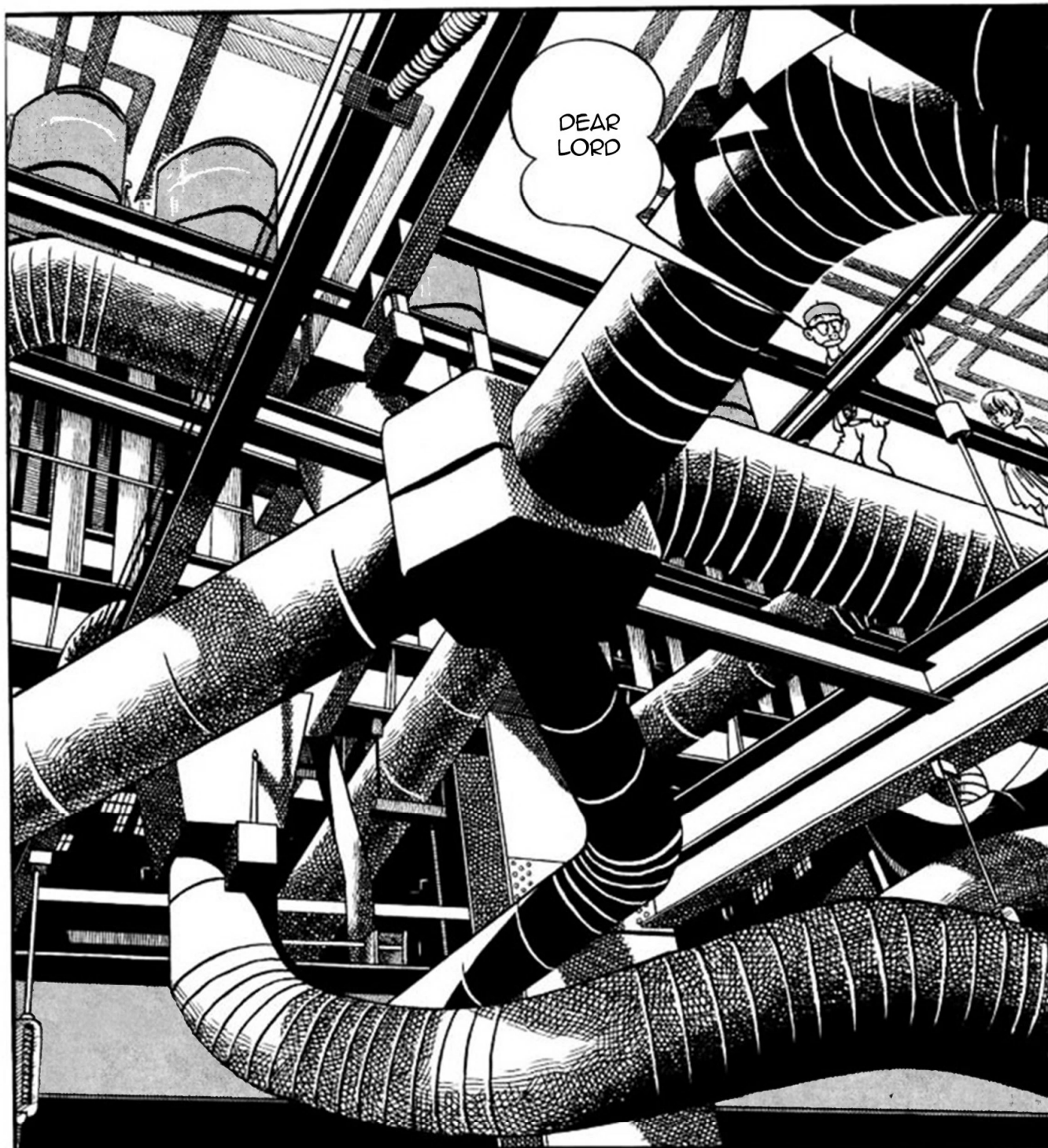


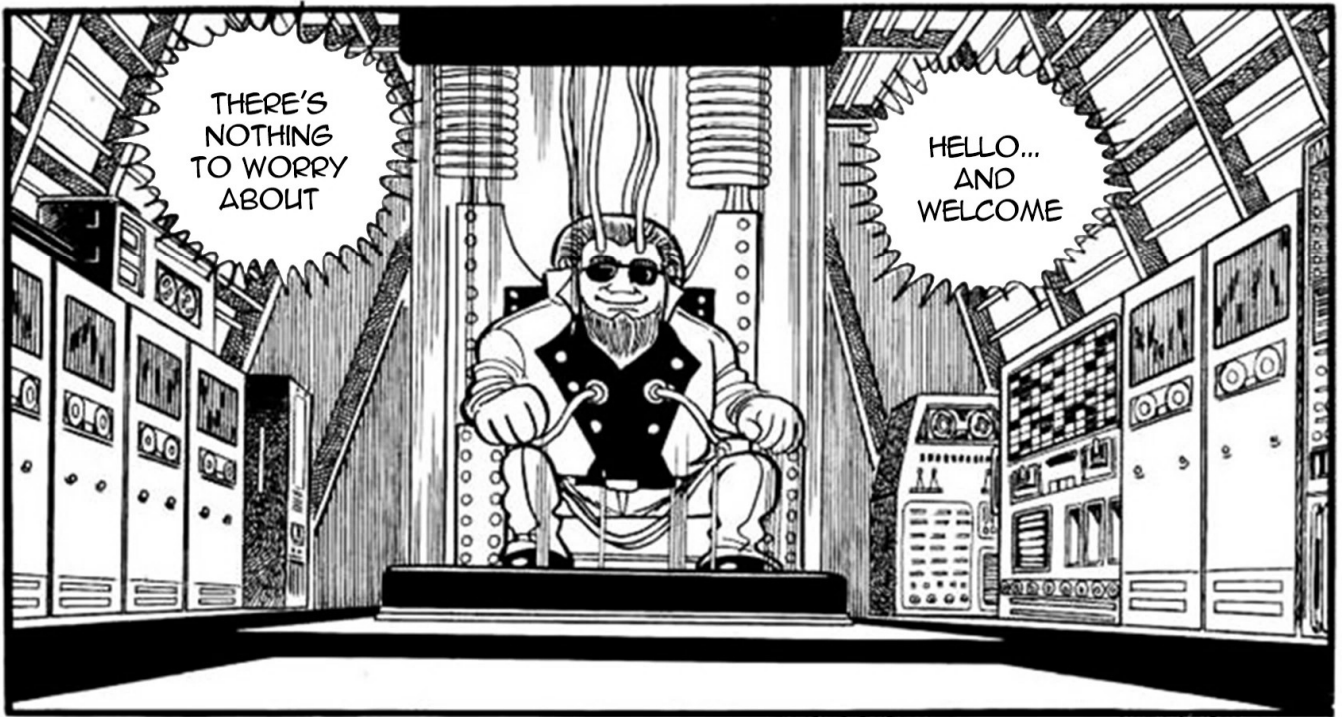




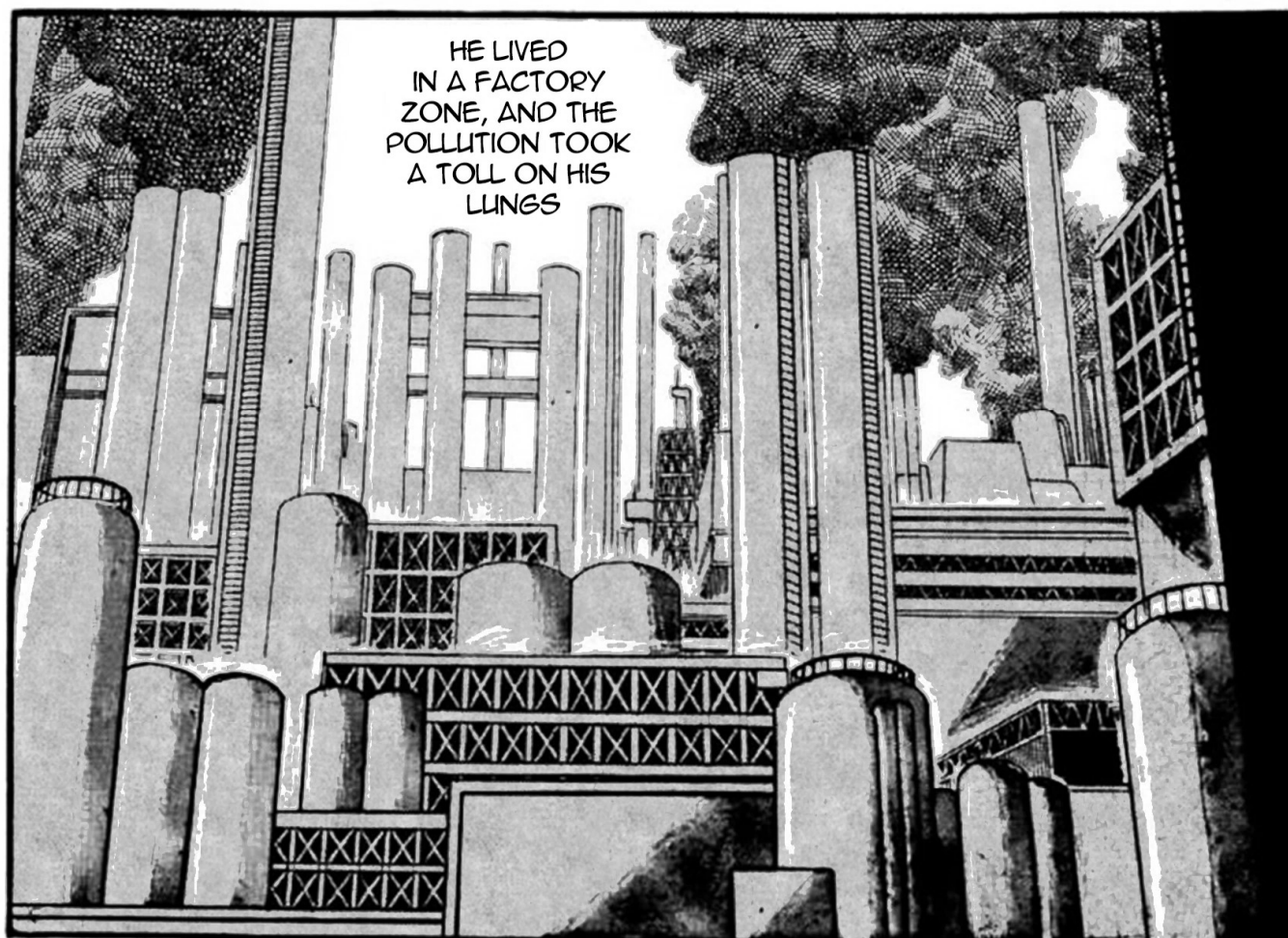
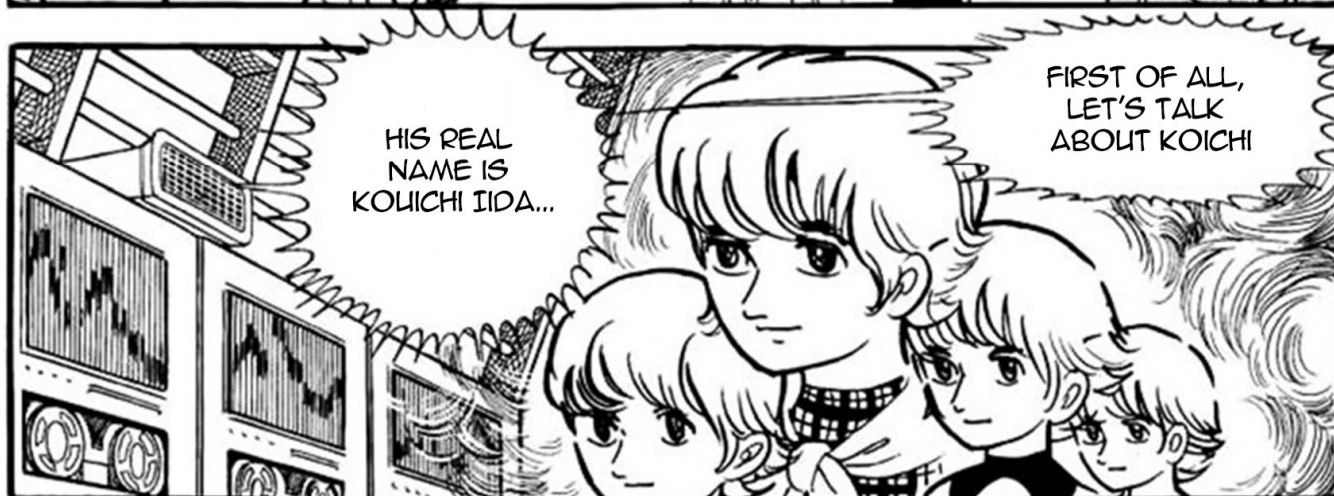


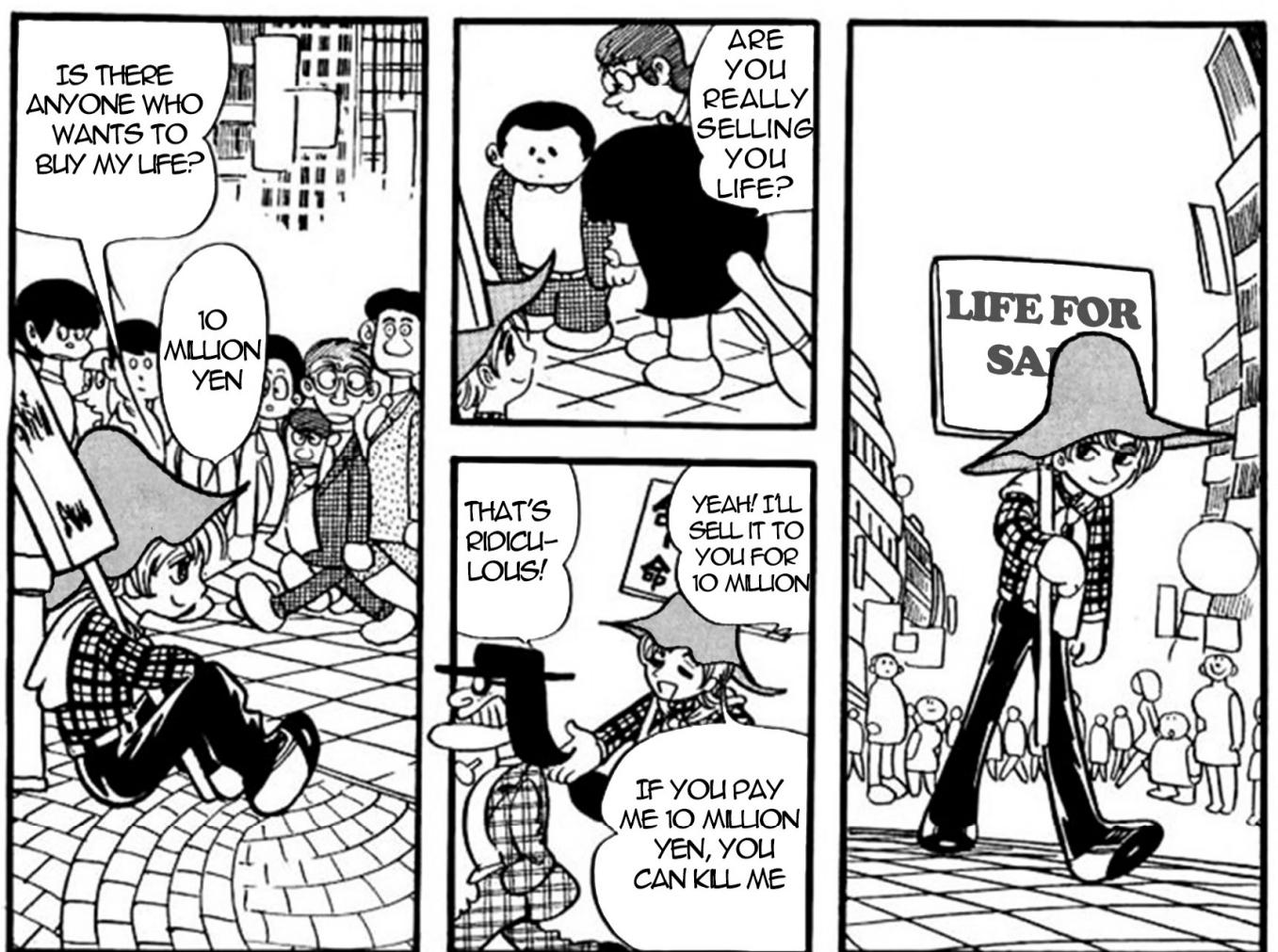
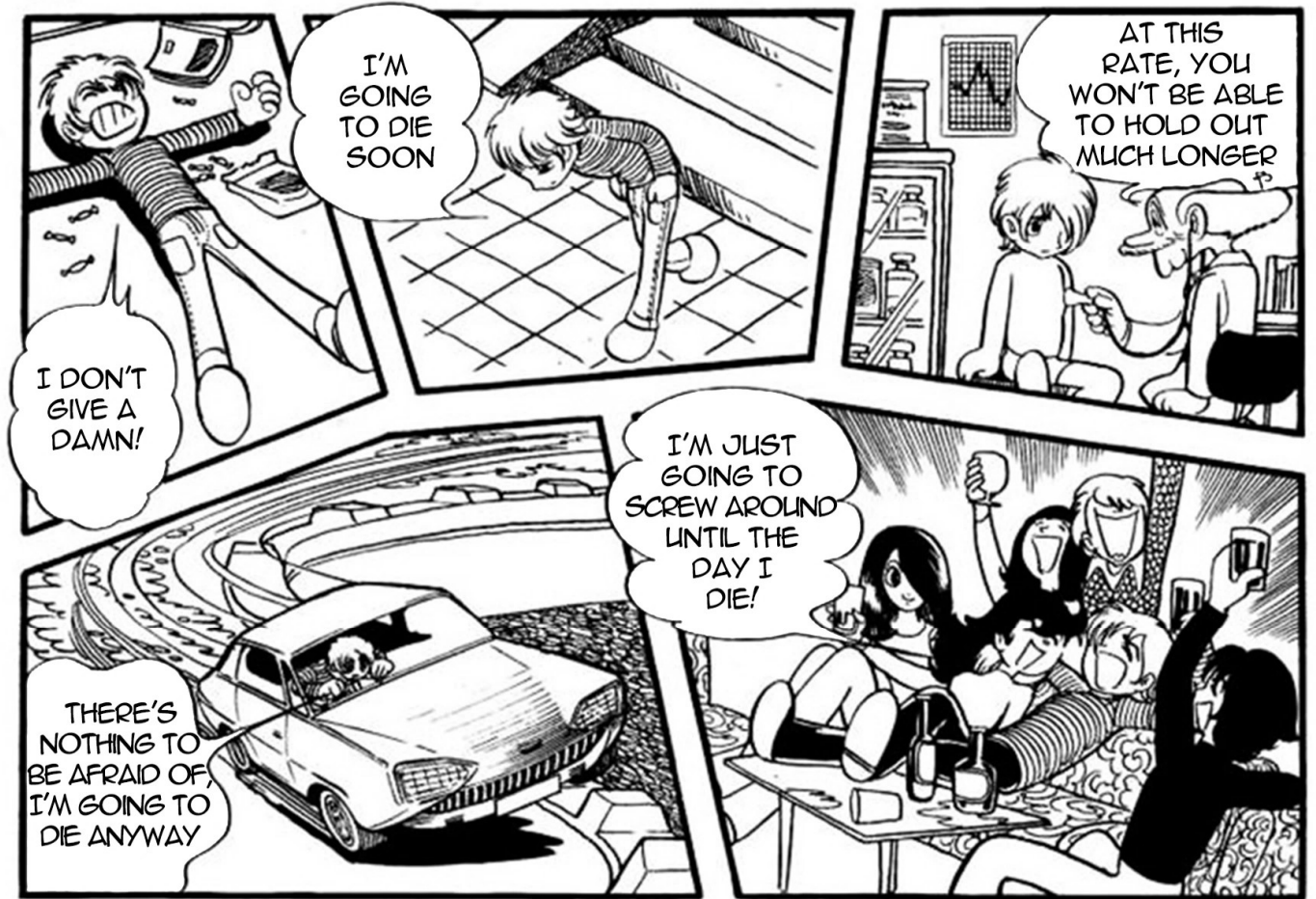




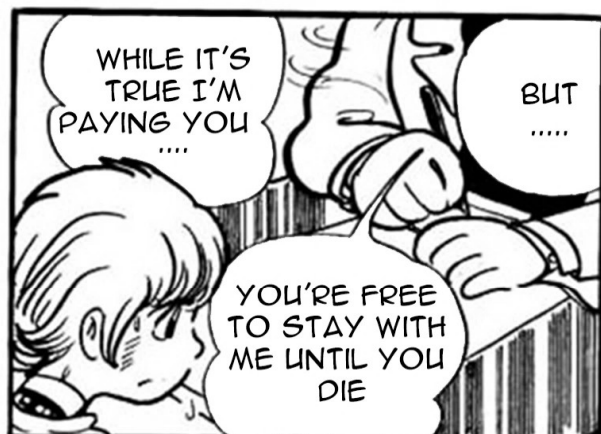
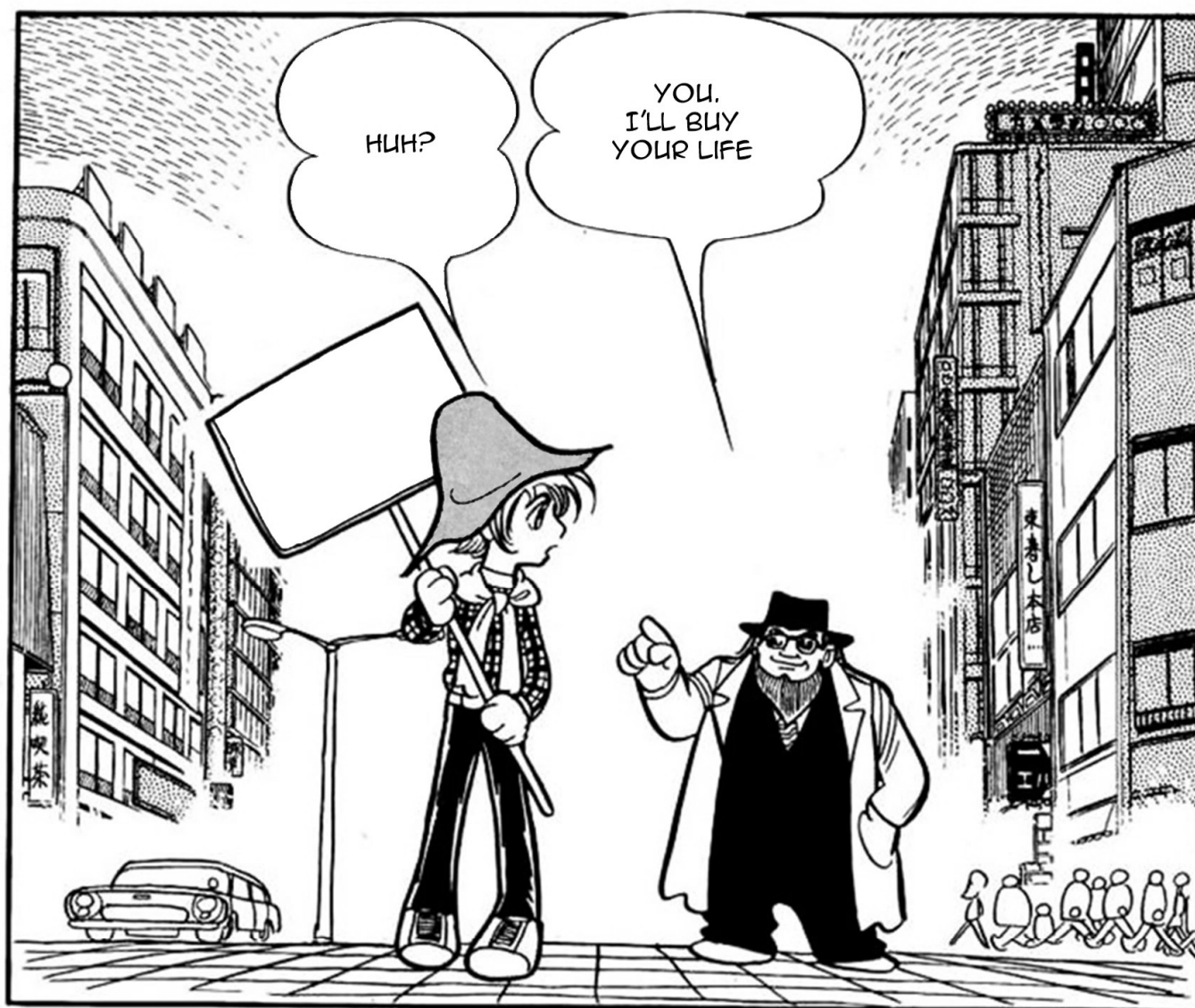














WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE WAS DISCOVERED HERE BY ME A YEAR AGO

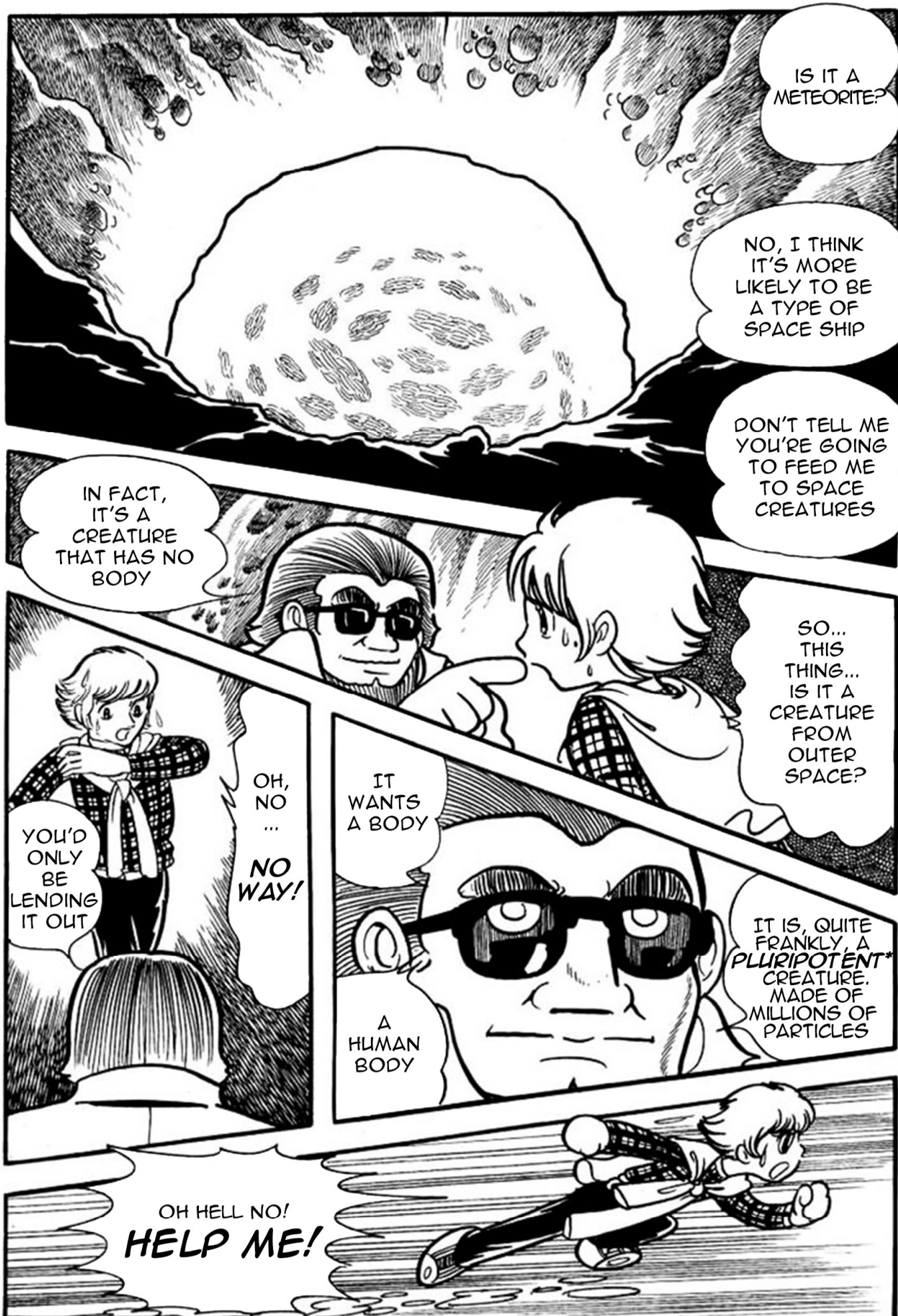
I HAD ALREADY DECIDED KOICHI'S FATE WHEN I LED HIM TO MY LABORATORY

WHAT IS THAT?

WHAT IS IT? DON'T BE SO MYSTERIOUS

PLEASE COME WITH ME. I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING





IS IT A METEORITE?

NO, I THINK IT'S MORE LIKELY TO BE A TYPE OF SPACE SHIP

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO FEED ME TO SPACE CREATURES

IN FACT, IT'S A CREATURE THAT HAS NO BODY

SO... THIS THING... IS IT A CREATURE FROM OUTER SPACE?

YOU'D ONLY BE LENDING IT OUT

OH, NO ...  
**NO WAY!**

IT WANTS A BODY

A HUMAN BODY

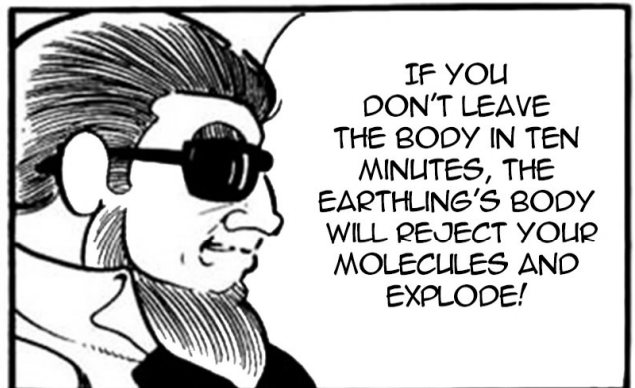
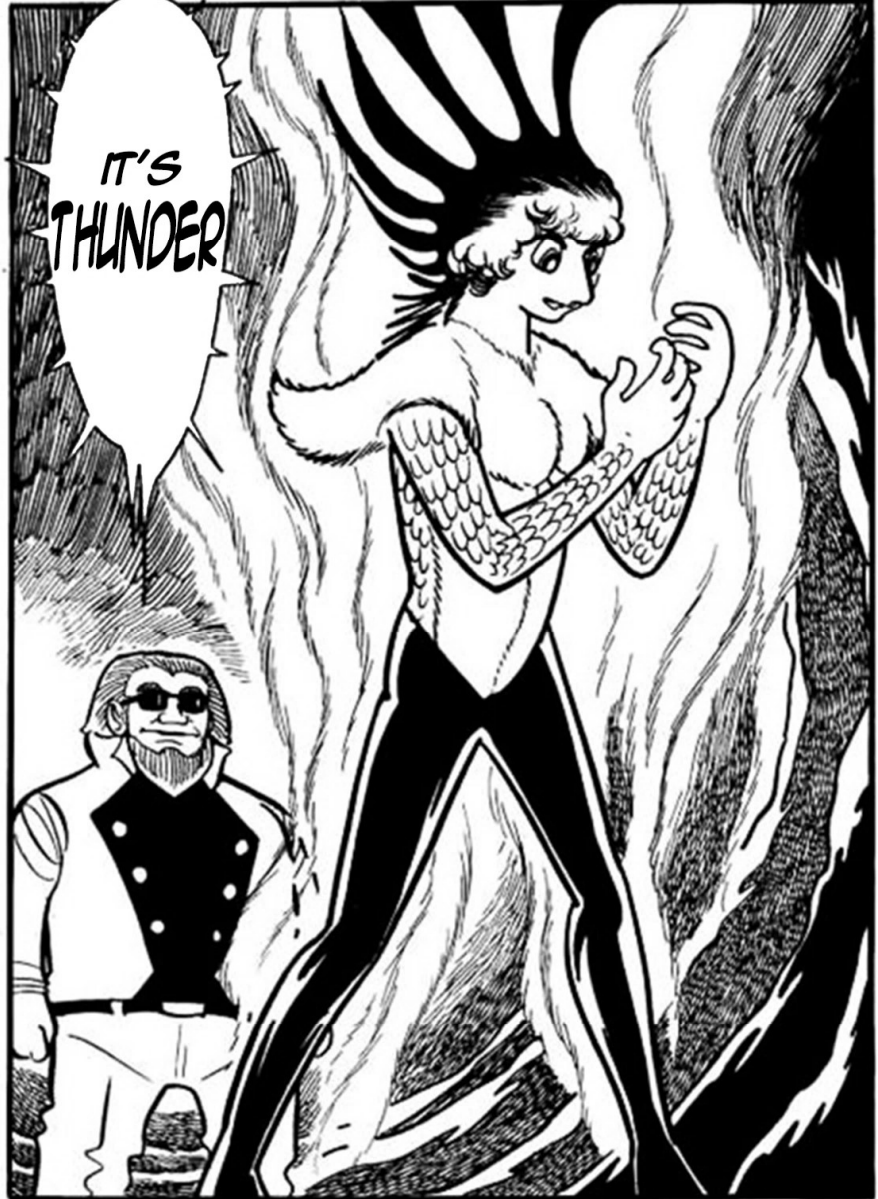
IT IS, QUITE FRANKLY, A **PLURIPOTENT\*** CREATURE. MADE OF MILLIONS OF PARTICLES

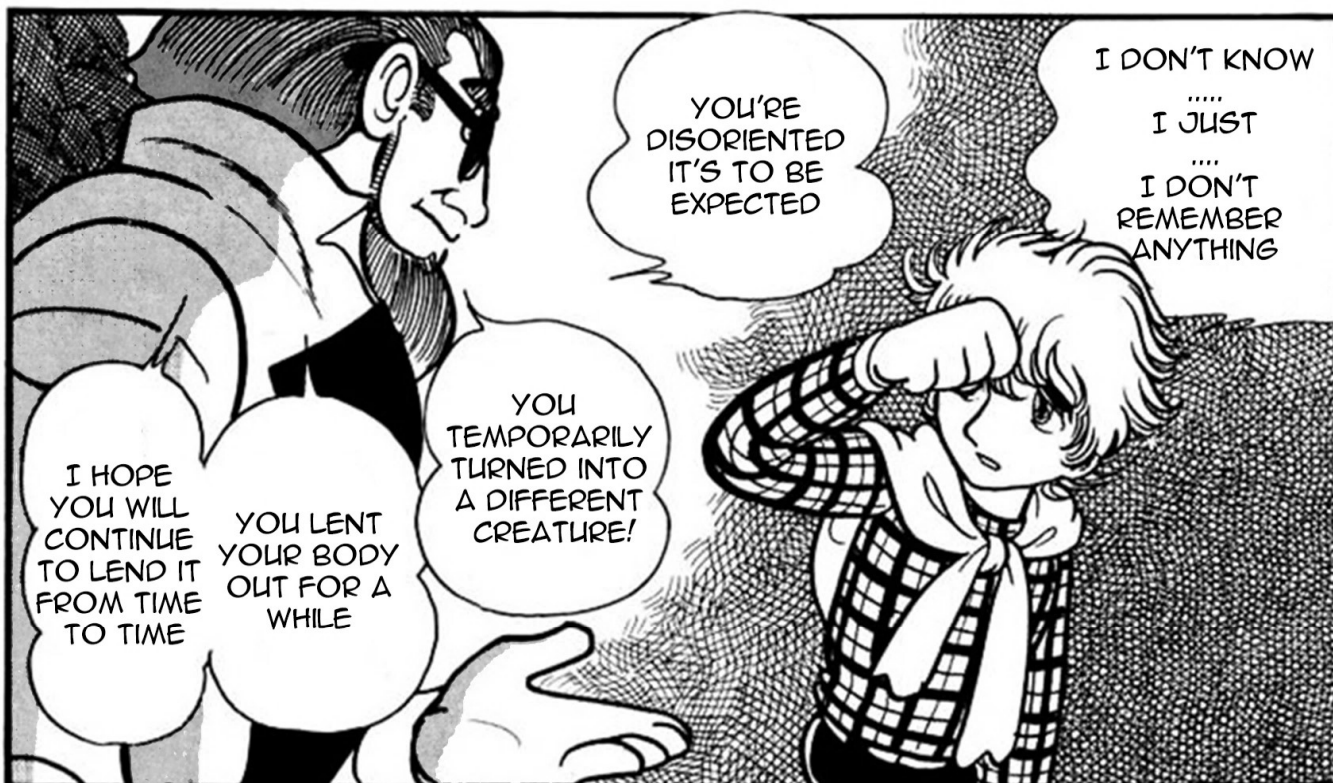
OH HELL NO!  
**HELP ME!**

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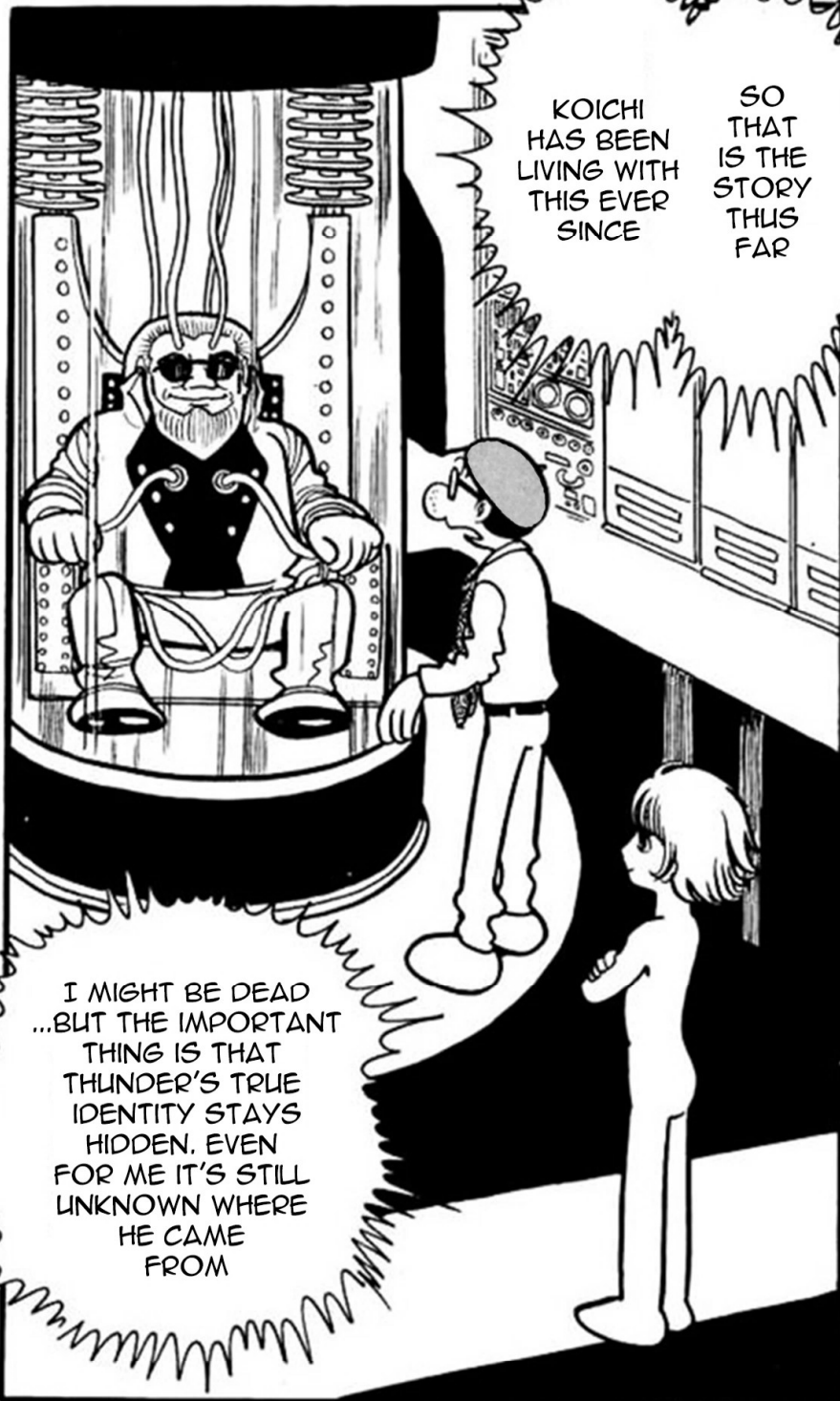








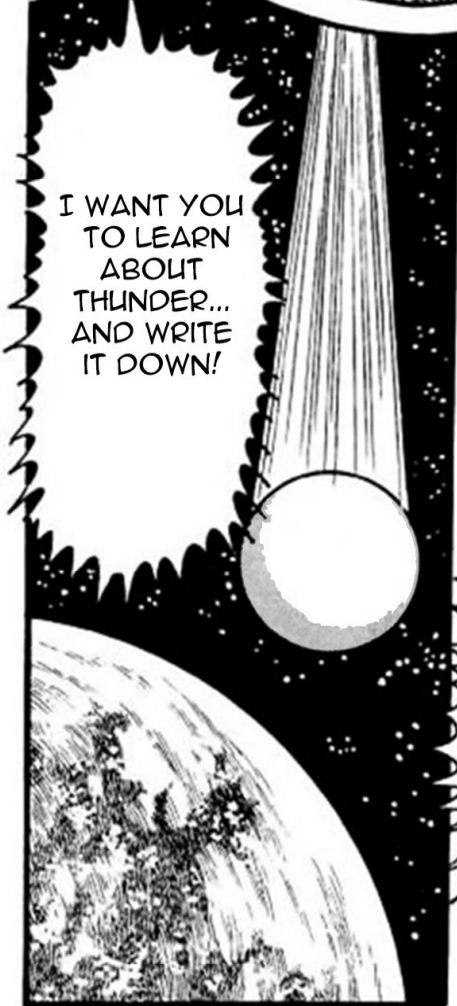
I HAVE A  
FAVOR TO  
ASK OF  
YOU!



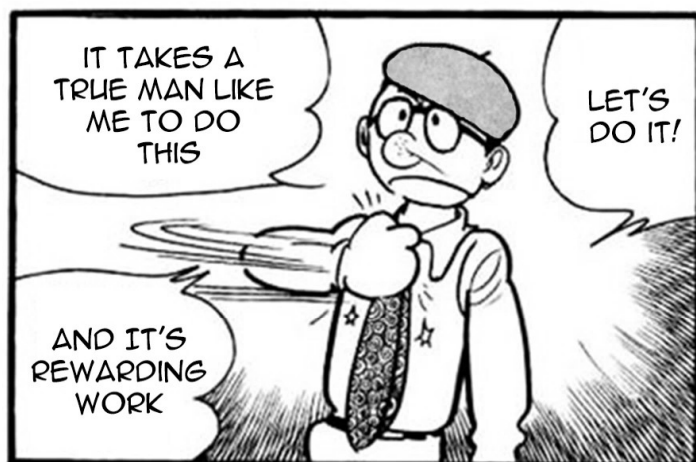
KOICHI  
HAS BEEN  
LIVING WITH  
THIS EVER  
SINCE

SO  
THAT  
IS THE  
STORY  
THUS  
FAR

I MIGHT BE DEAD  
...BUT THE IMPORTANT  
THING IS THAT  
THUNDER'S TRUE  
IDENTITY STAYS  
HIDDEN. EVEN  
FOR ME IT'S STILL  
UNKNOWN WHERE  
HE CAME  
FROM



I WANT YOU  
TO LEARN  
ABOUT  
THUNDER...  
AND WRITE  
IT DOWN!



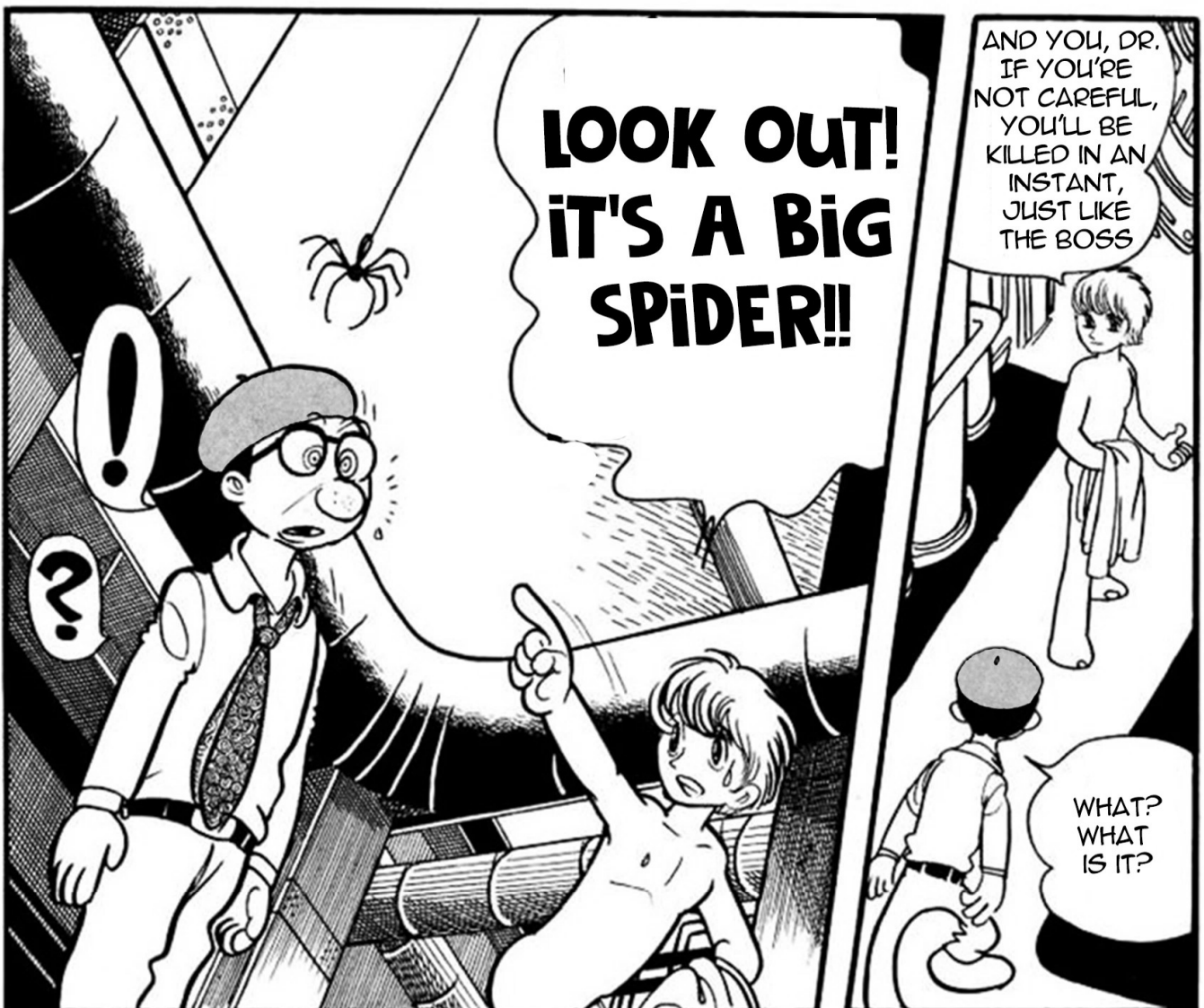
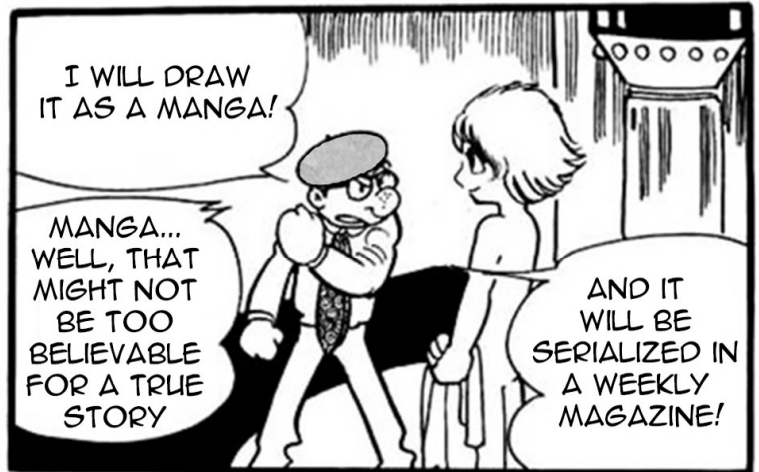
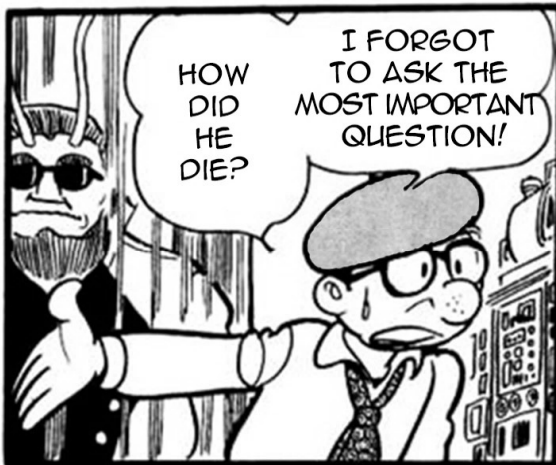
IT TAKES A  
TRUE MAN LIKE  
ME TO DO  
THIS

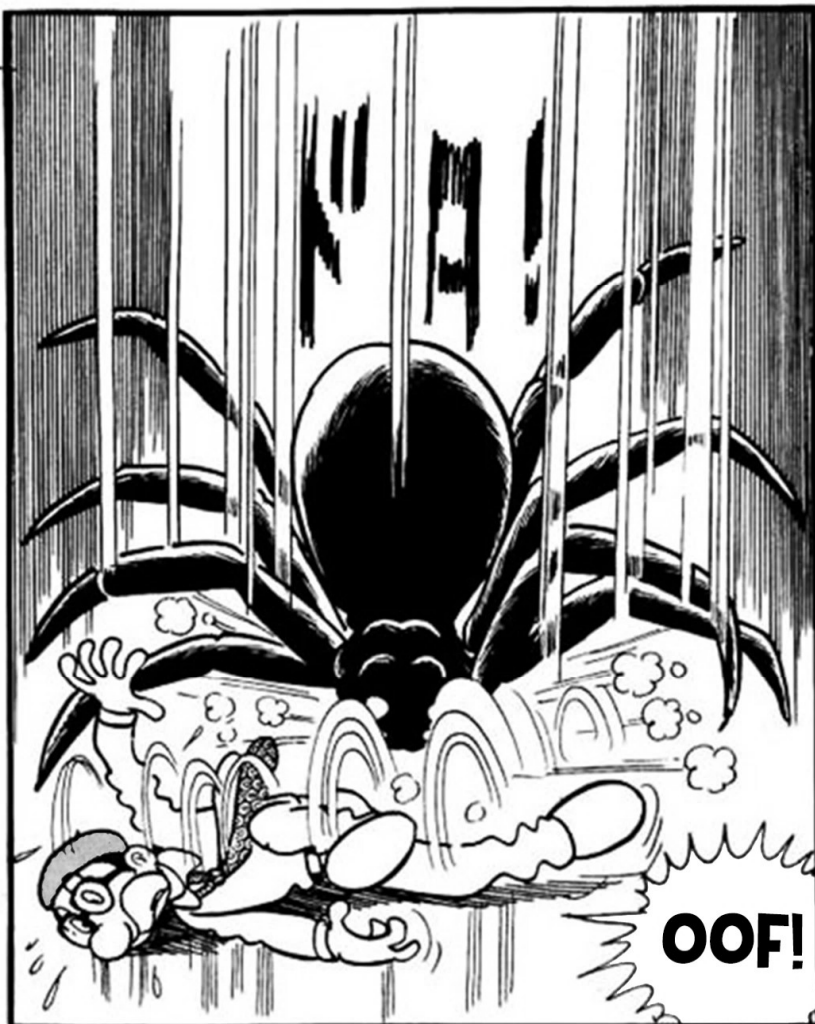
LET'S  
DO IT!

AND IT'S  
REWARDING  
WORK



IT COULD BE  
A SIGNIFICANT  
DEVELOPMENT FOR  
THE PLANET AND  
HUMANITY







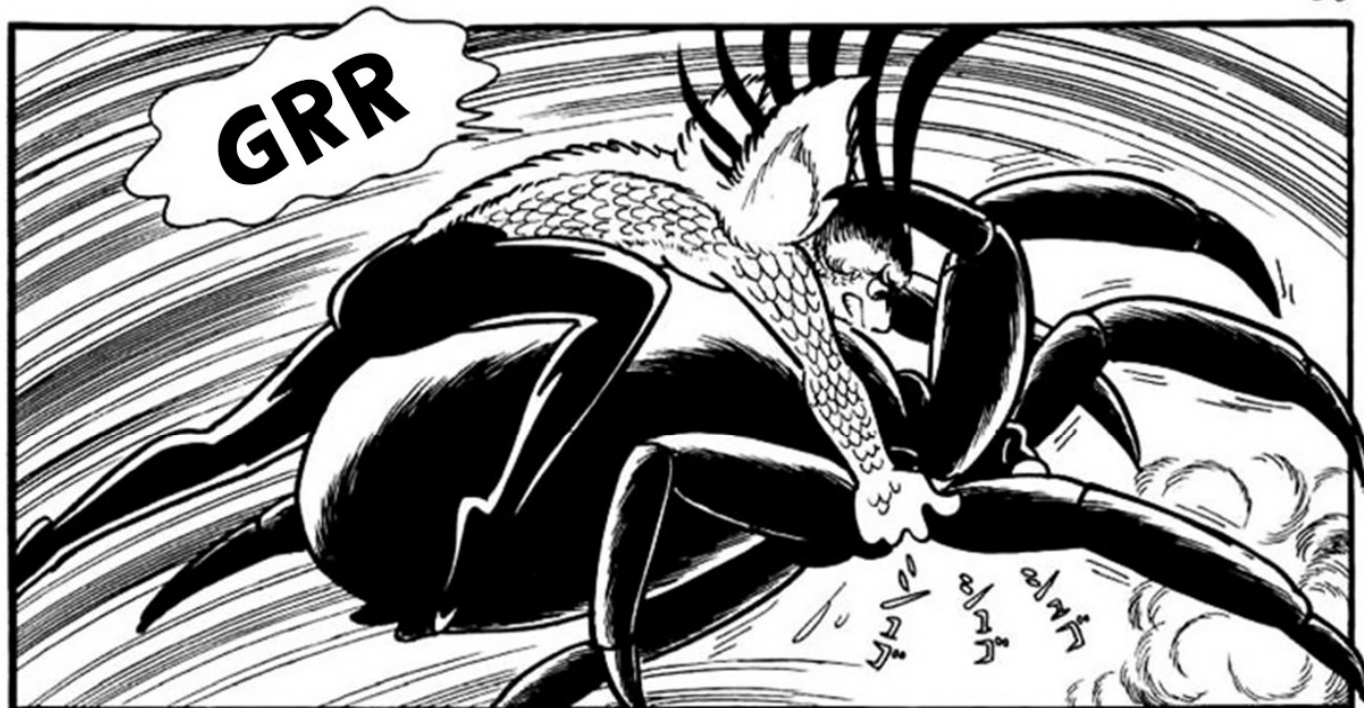


THUNDER



ГУАHH!

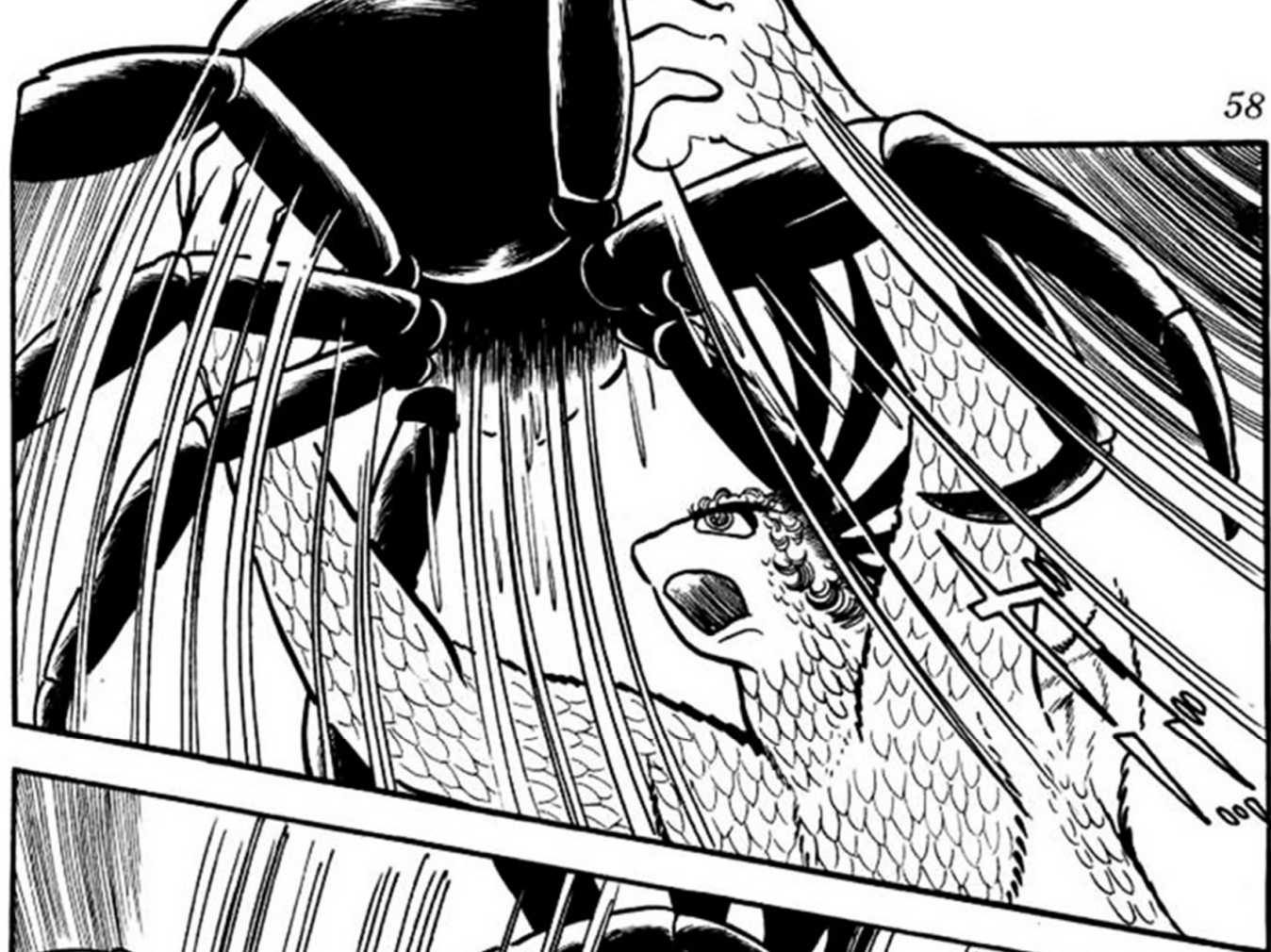














WHAT  
IS GOING  
ON HERE?  
WHY IS THIS  
HAPPENING?  
I NEED YOU  
TO TELL ME  
EVERYTHING!  
PLEASE  
CONFESS!

A-AND  
IT'S...  
HARD  
AS ROCK

I-IT  
WAS A  
SPIDER



ACTUALLY I  
DON'T WANT  
AN APOLOGY,  
JUST GIVE ME  
10,000 YEN

IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO PUT  
ME IN THIS KIND  
OF TROUBLE,  
WHY DON'T YOU  
SAY A WORD  
OF THANKS OR  
AT LEAST  
A WORD  
OF  
APOLOGY?

IF YOU DON'T  
HAVE 10K YEN  
THEN GIVE ME  
THAT STORY  
AS A PRESENT!



I DON'T THINK  
I CAN REALLY  
EXPLAIN IT



YOU WANT  
TO KNOW  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO ME?



CAN'T  
YOU  
SPEAK?

THE HECK  
WITH IT!

YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW  
JAPAN-  
ESE?

モウスイ



NO, WHAT I MEAN BY  
"BIBLE" IS THIS TABLET  
WITH THE HISTORY OF  
THE UNIVERSE ON IT



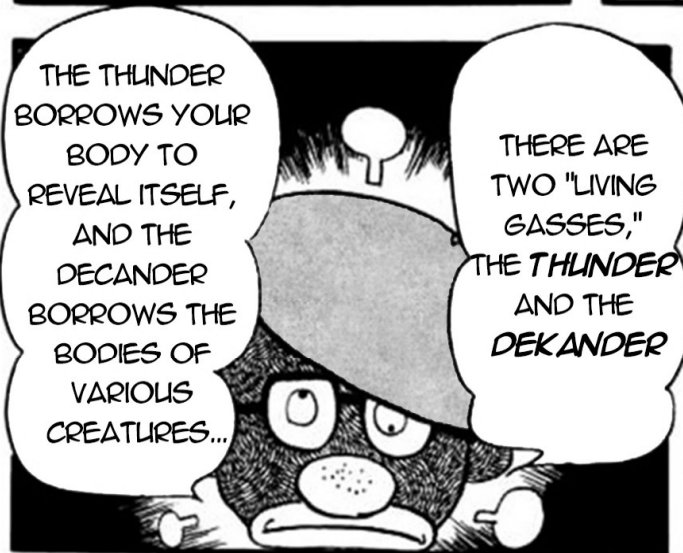
IF YOU WANT  
TO KNOW MORE  
ABOUT MY  
RELATIONSHIP  
WITH DECANDER,  
YOU SHOULD  
READ THE  
**BIBLE**

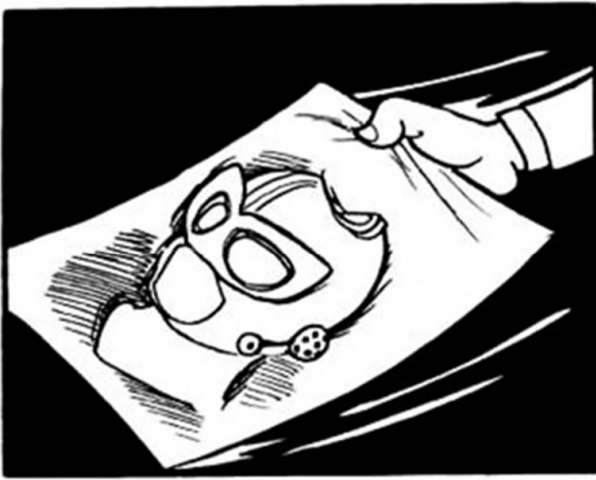
BIBLE?  
THE BIBLE?

THE ONE  
ABOUT  
THE "HOLY  
GHOST"

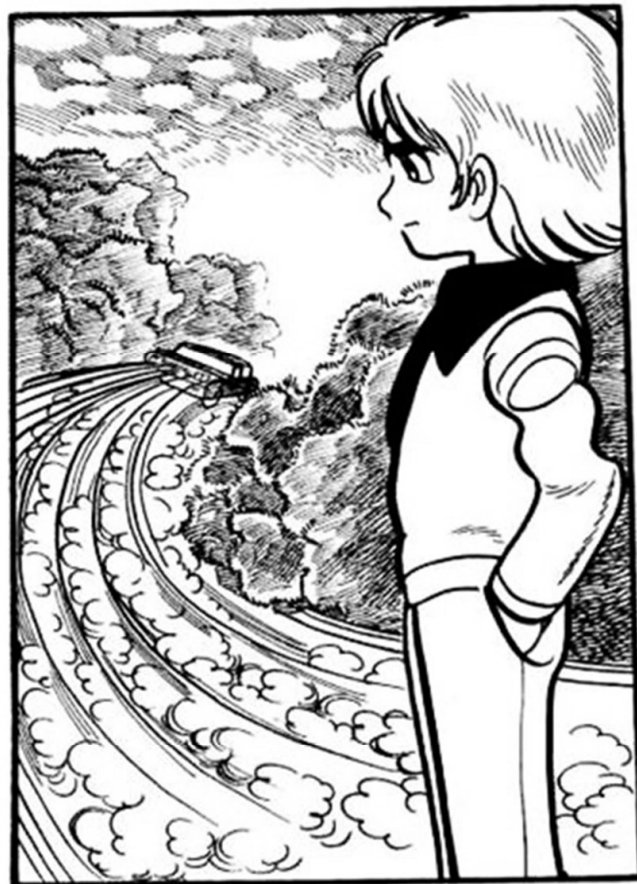
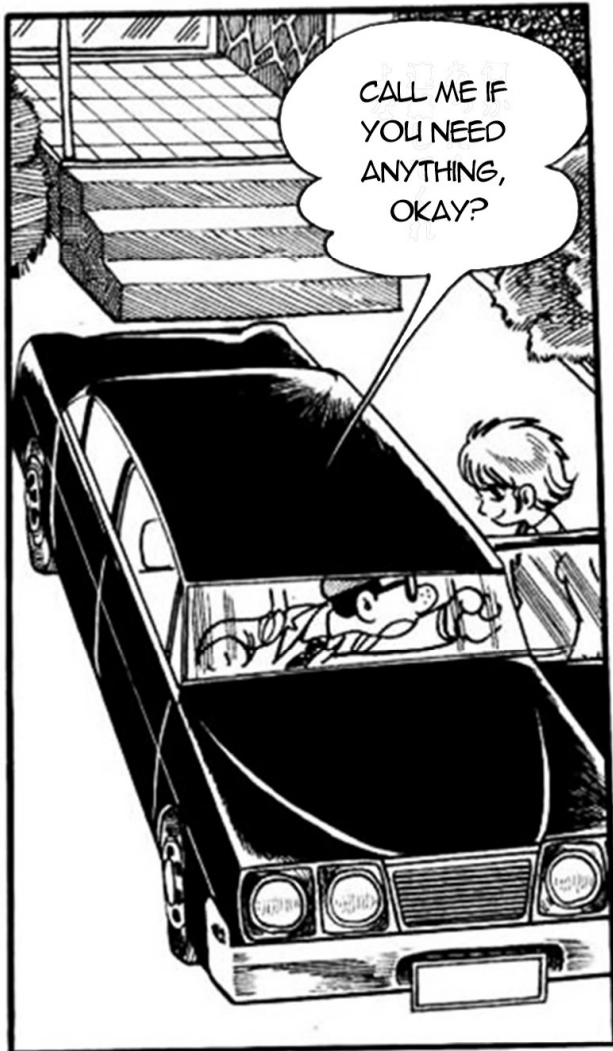












KOICHI,  
EVEN THOUGH  
DR. TAKASE,  
WHO  
"CREATED"  
YOU, IS NO  
LONGER  
WITH US...

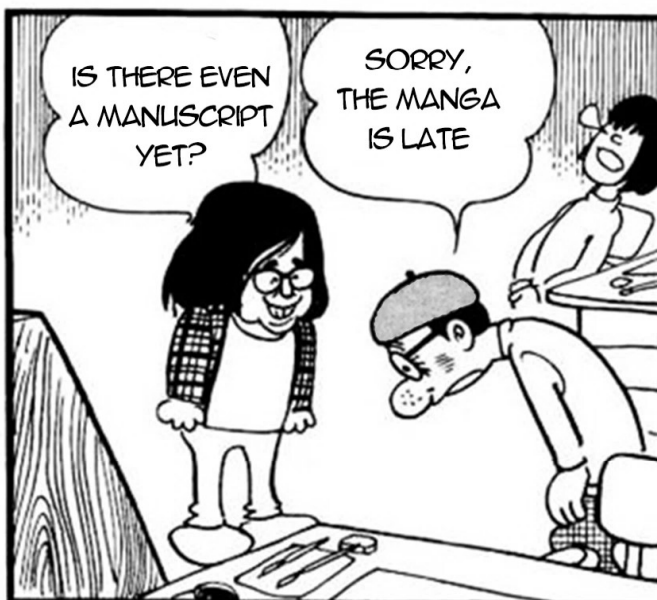
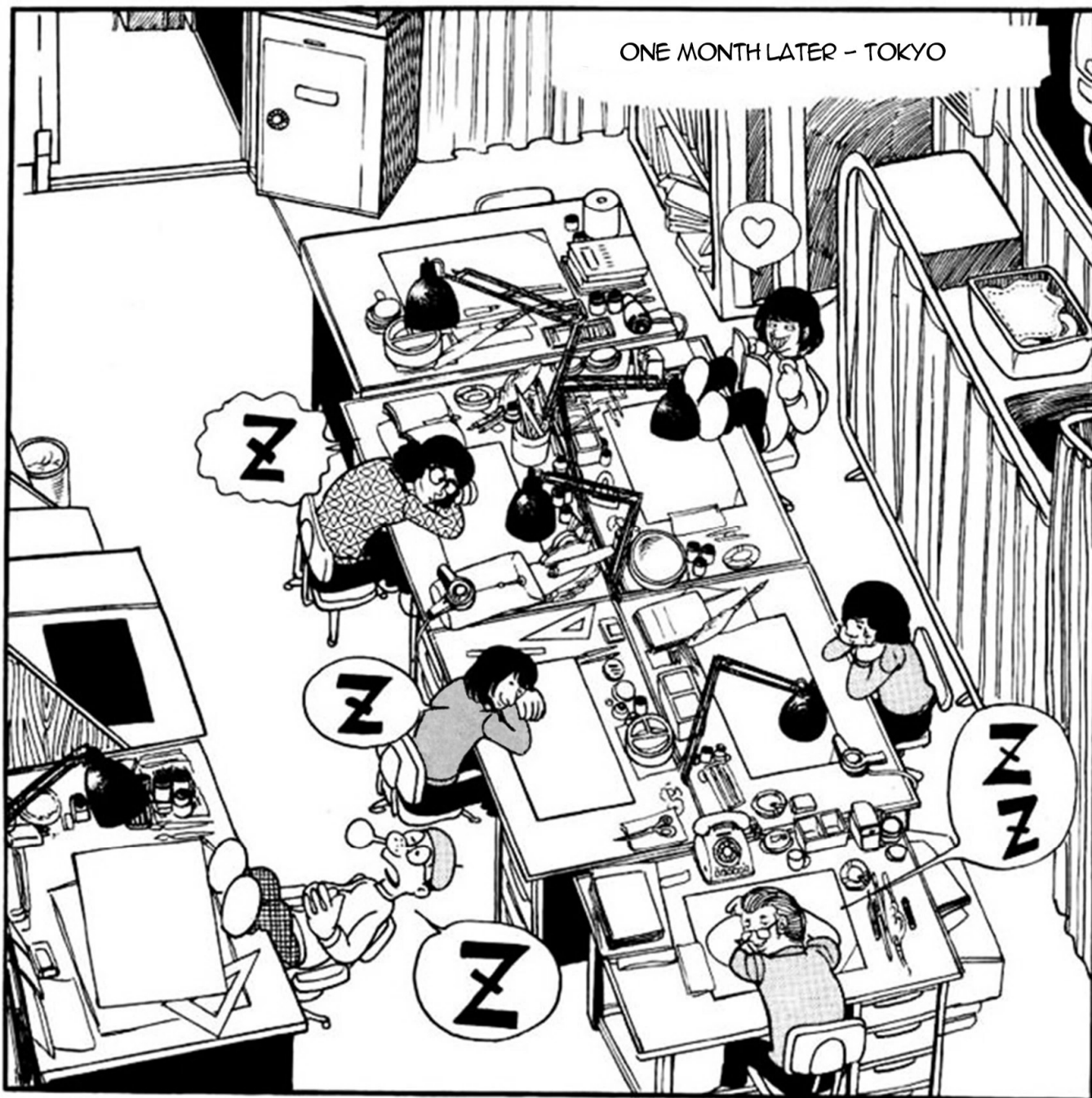
YOU'RE  
IN A VERY  
IMPORTANT  
POSITION ON  
EARTH, AND  
YOUR WELL-  
BEING IS VERY  
PRECIOUS

I UNDERSTAND

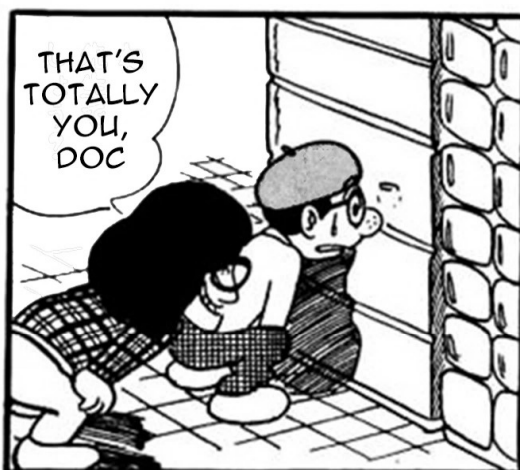
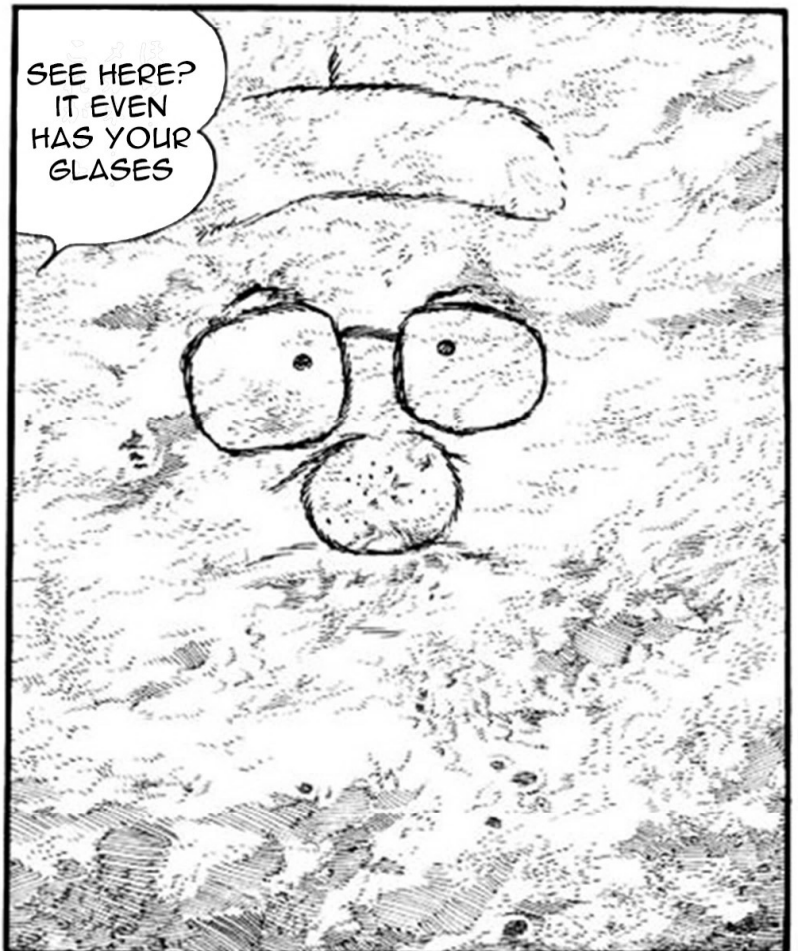
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"BIBLE"

ONE MONTH LATER - TOKYO







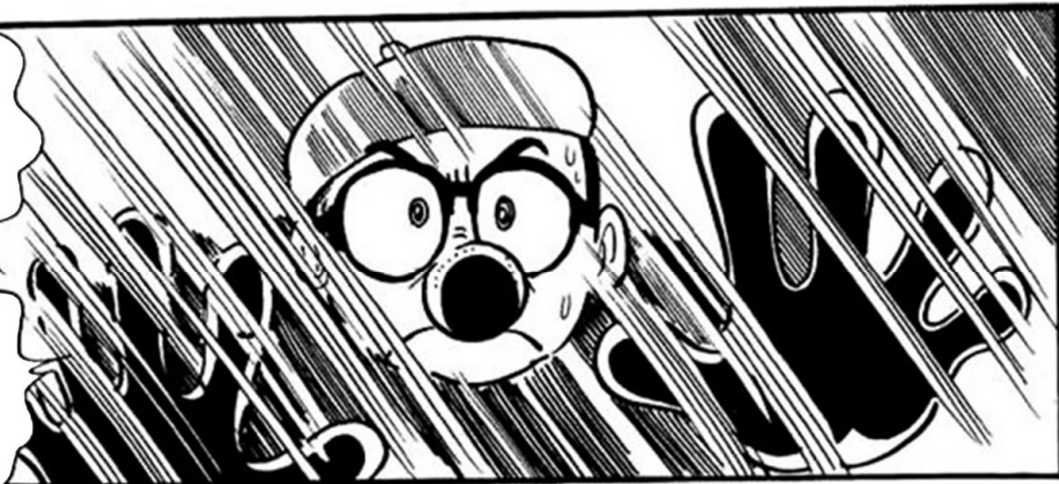


DID YOU LOOK  
CLOSELY AT THE  
STONE? IT LOOKS  
LIKE THE MANGA  
ARTIST DR. TEZUKA.  
THAT'S A FACE  
YOU DON'T  
FORGET!



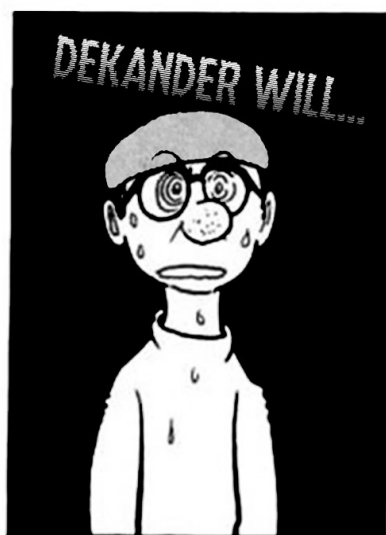
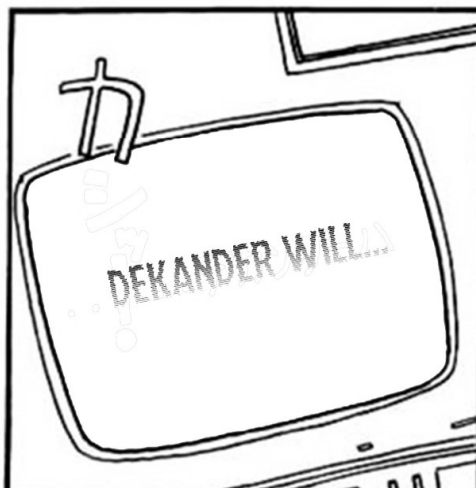
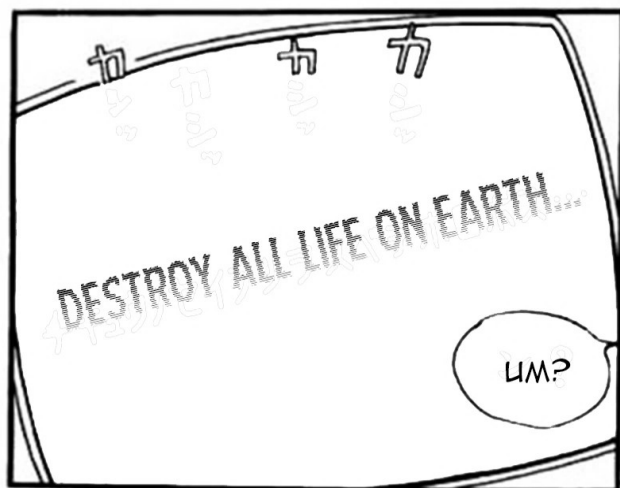
WHAT IF...  
THIS IS...  
THE BIBLE  
...?

NO WAY!  
I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
I'D SEE IT



HOWEVER,  
WHEN HE  
LOOKED  
CLOSELY, HE  
SAW THERE  
THERE WERE  
A LOT OF  
INDESCRIBABLE  
LETTERS  
GUSHING OUT  
LIKE INSECTS.  
OSAMU TEZUKA  
WAS STUNNED  
BY THE  
STRANGENESS





WHY HE'S HERE

THIS IS  
THE REASON ...

TURN EVERYTHING  
TO STONE

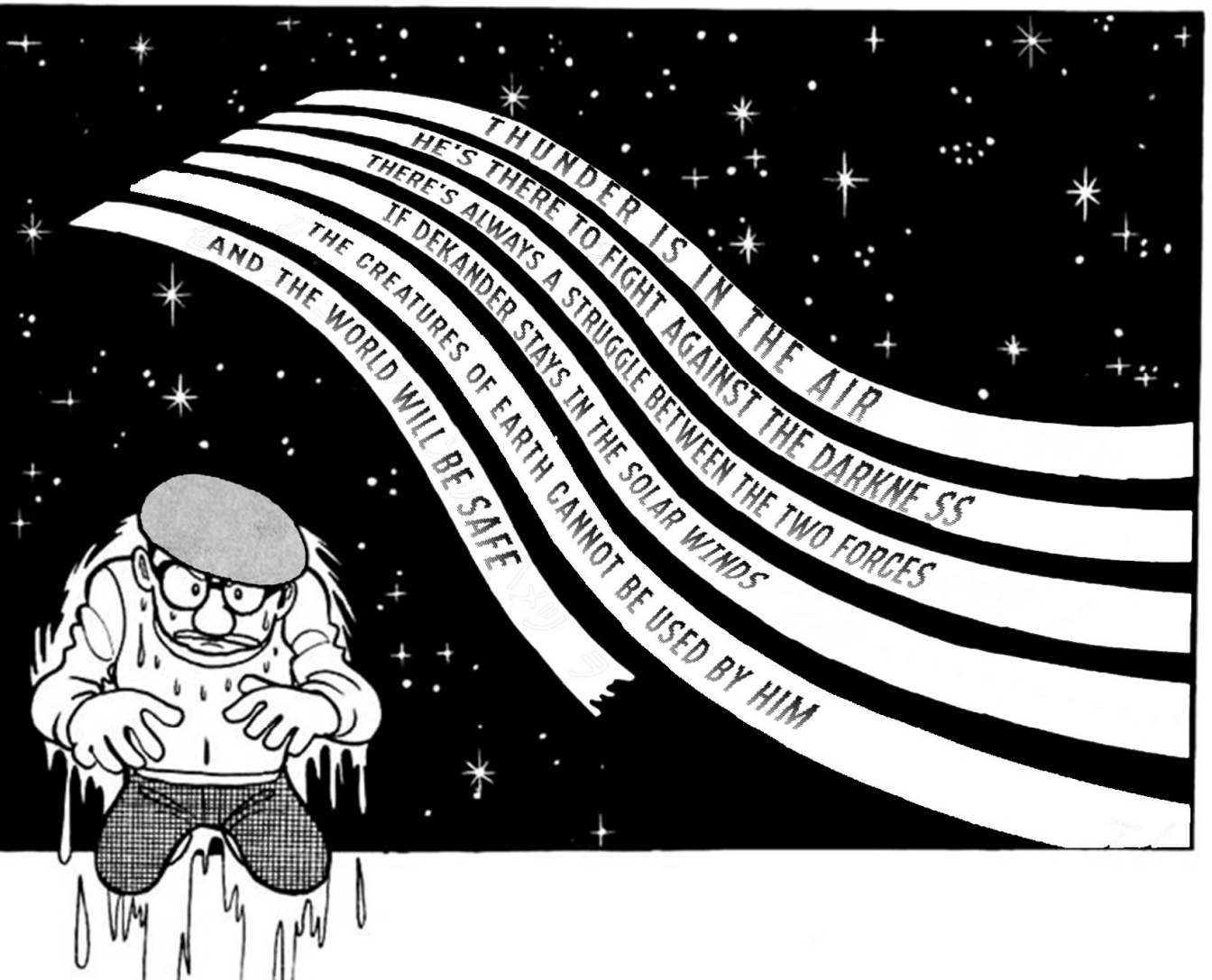
BRING FORTH CREATURES  
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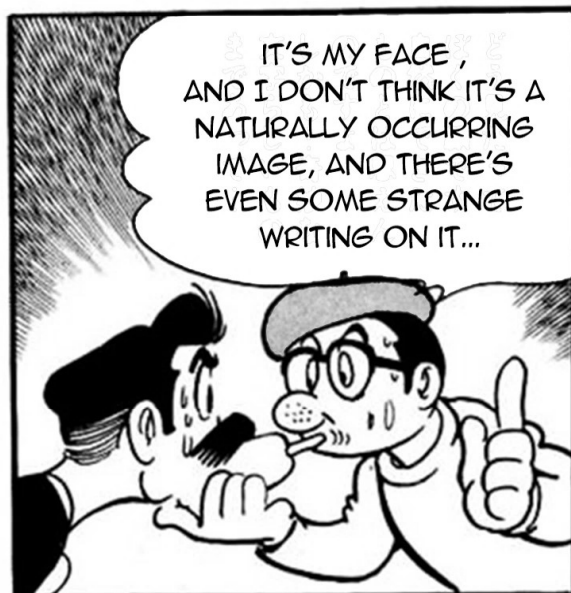
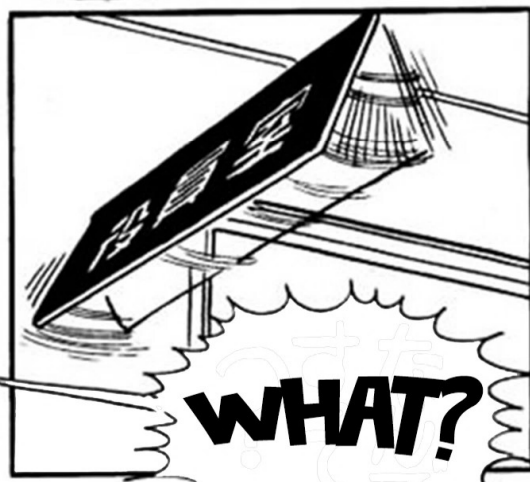
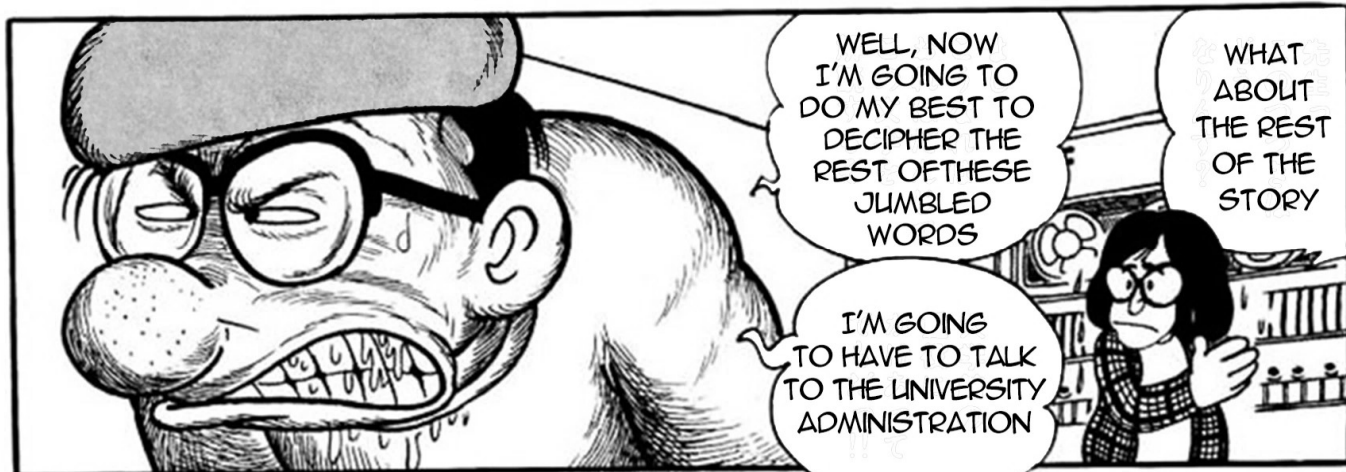


DEKAN  
USING ALL

DER IS PACKING A  
THE CREATURES

PUNCH  
OF THE WORLD





\*TELLING THE WHOLE STORY



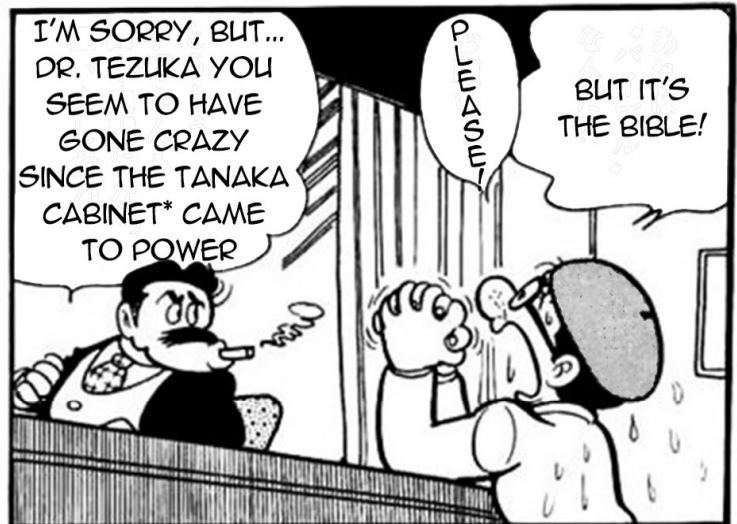
IT'S RIDICULOUS!  
IF WE PULL IT OUT,  
THE UNIVERSITY  
BUILDING  
WILL FALL OVER

CAN'T YOU  
JUST QUICKLY  
REPLACE IT  
WITH ANOTHER  
STONE BEFORE  
IT FALLS?

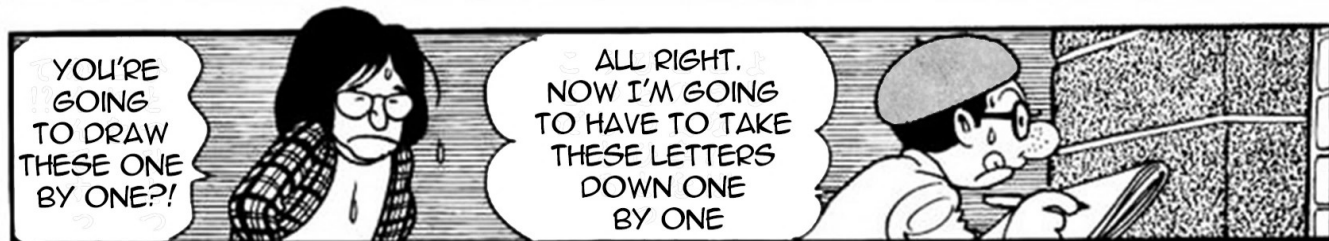
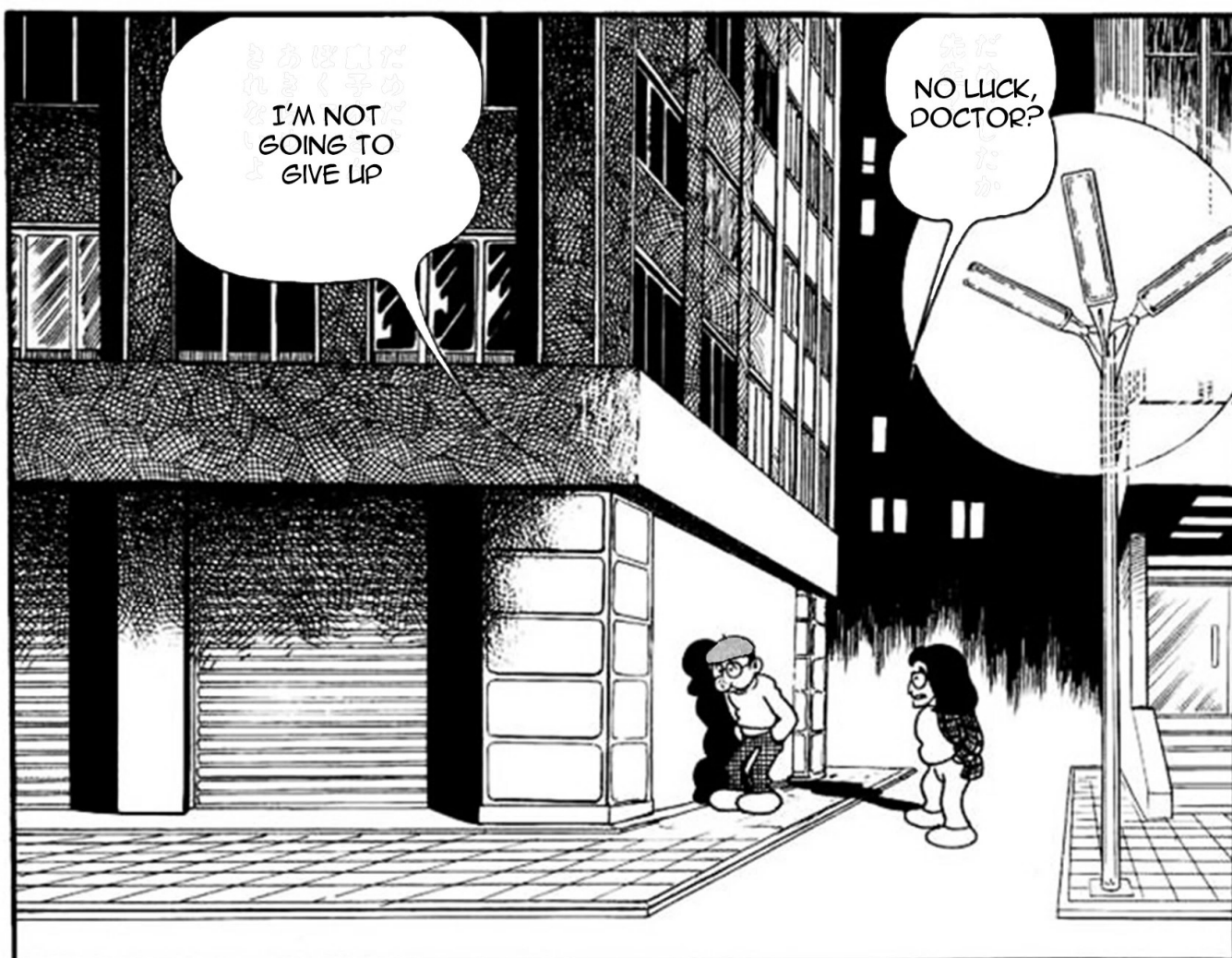
**NO!**  
**IT DOESN'T WORK**  
**LIKE THAT!**

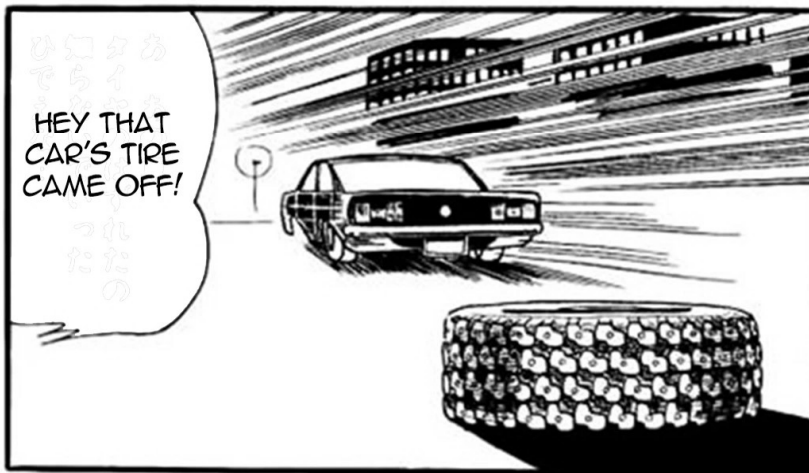
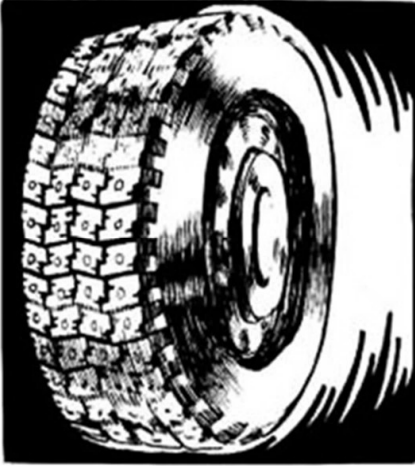


\*FORMER PREMIER OF THE  
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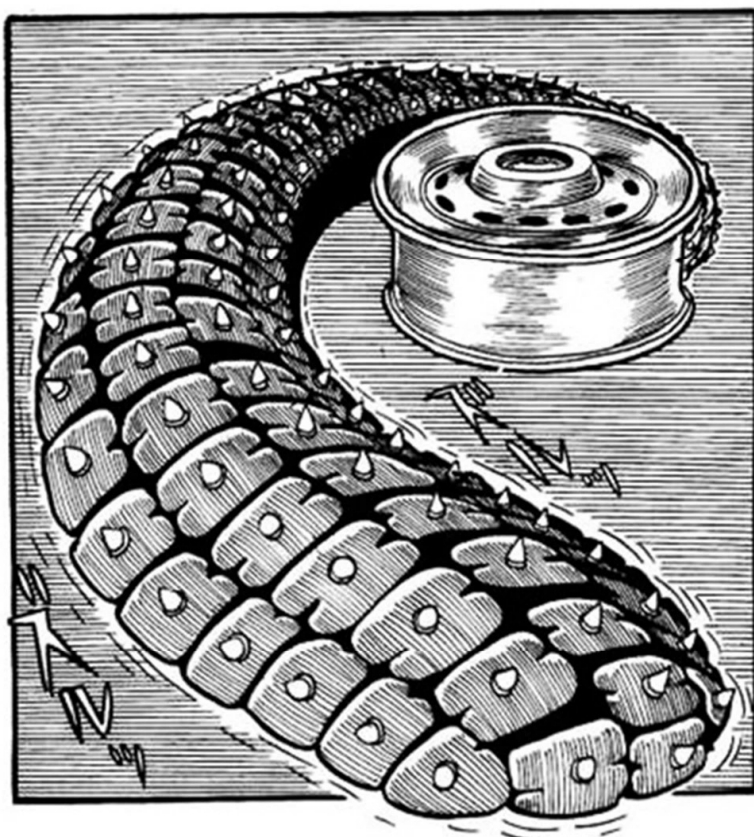
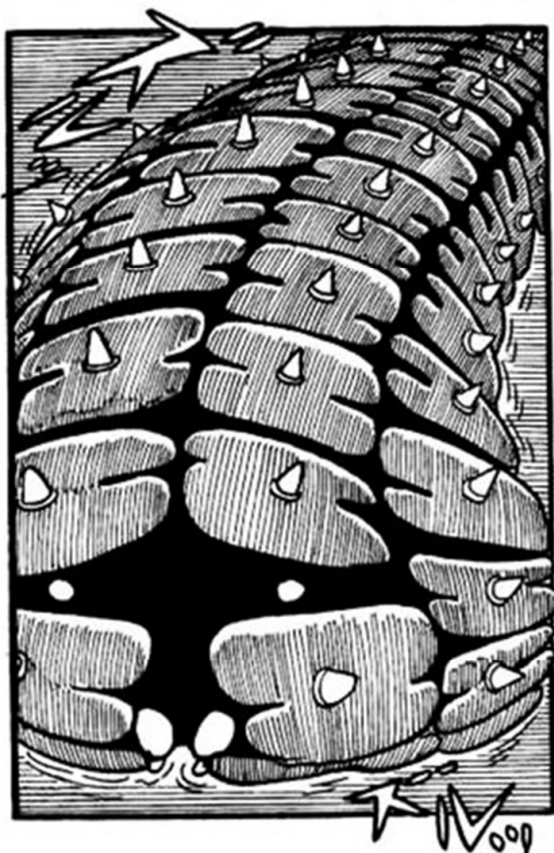


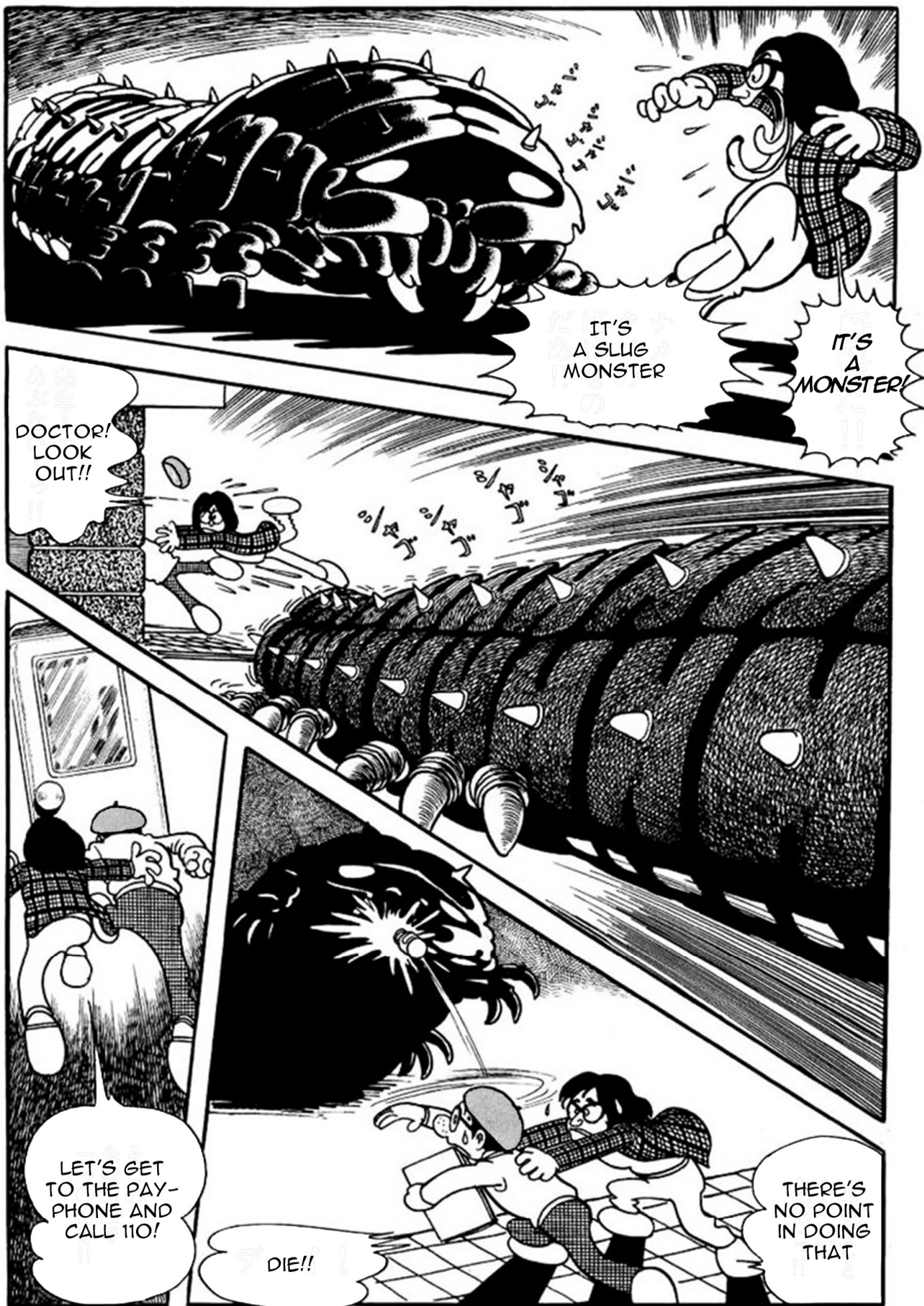
\*PRIME MINISTER (1972-74) KAKUEI TANAKA  
WHO LATER WAS CONVICTED OF BRIBERY



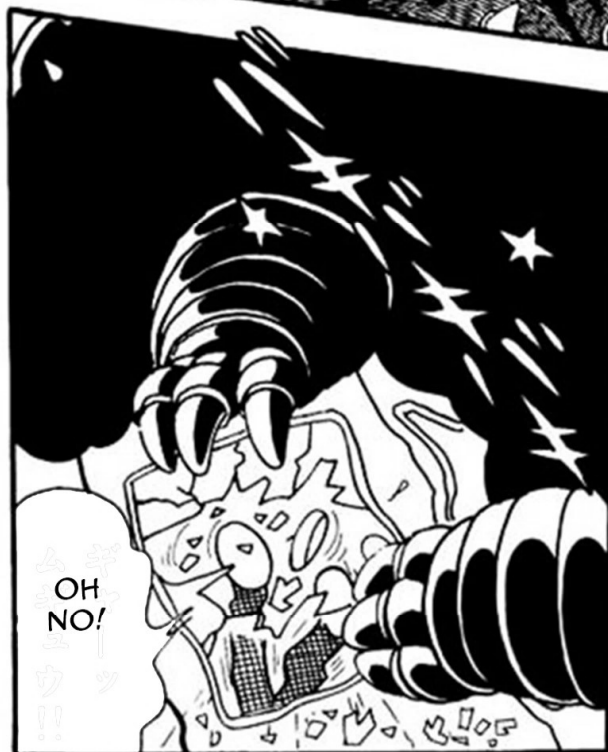




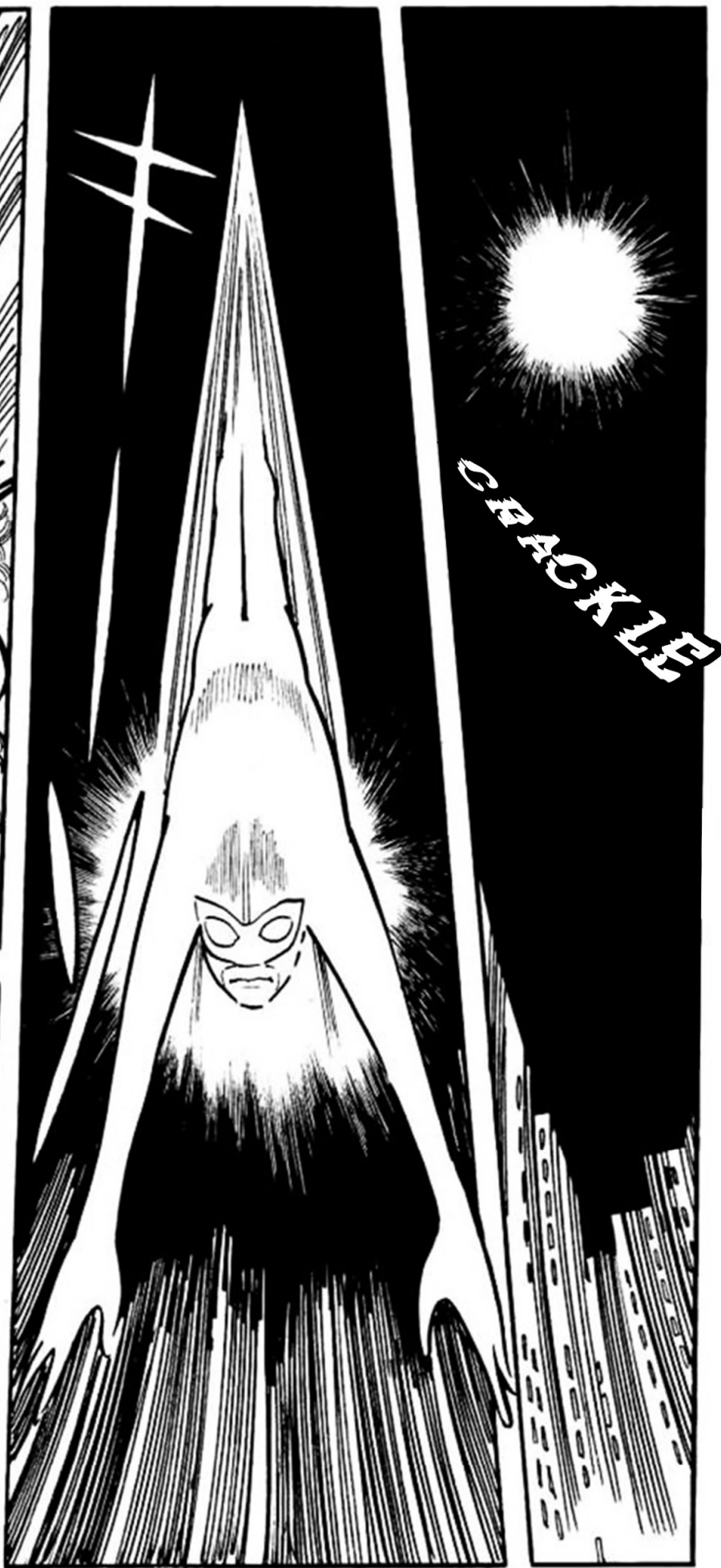
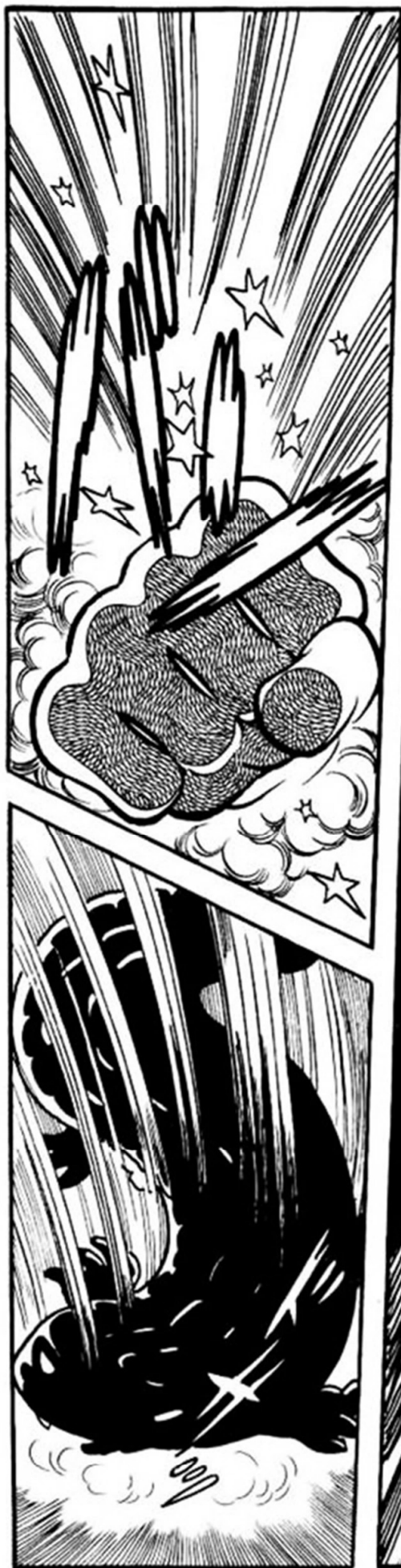




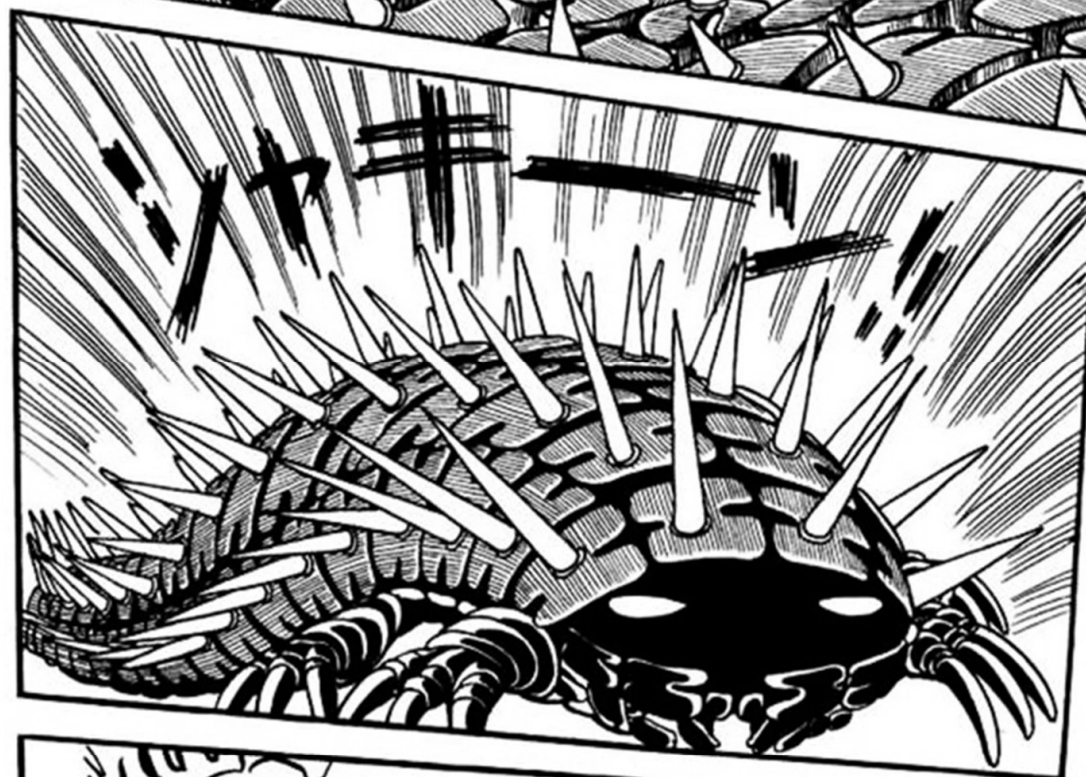








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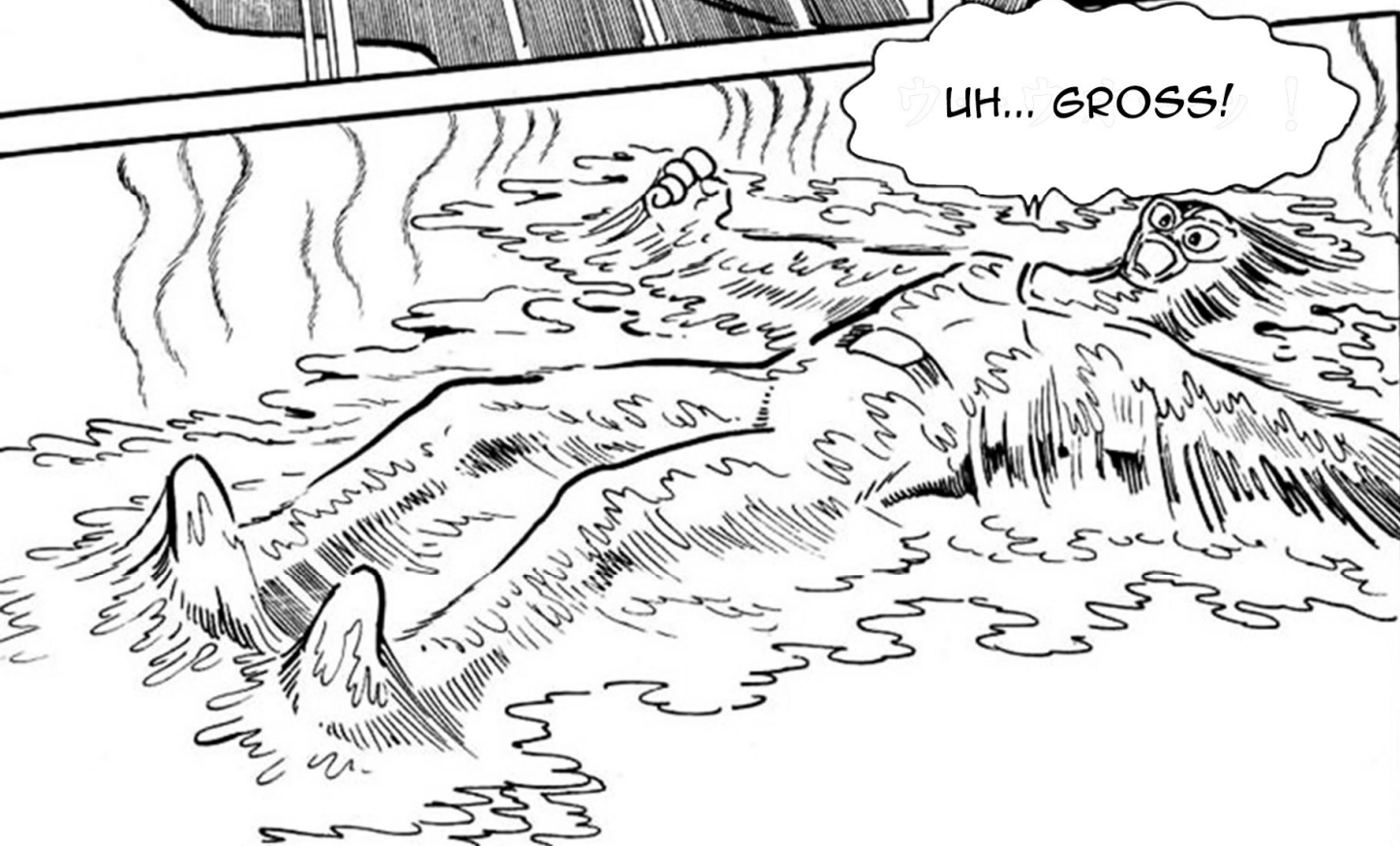




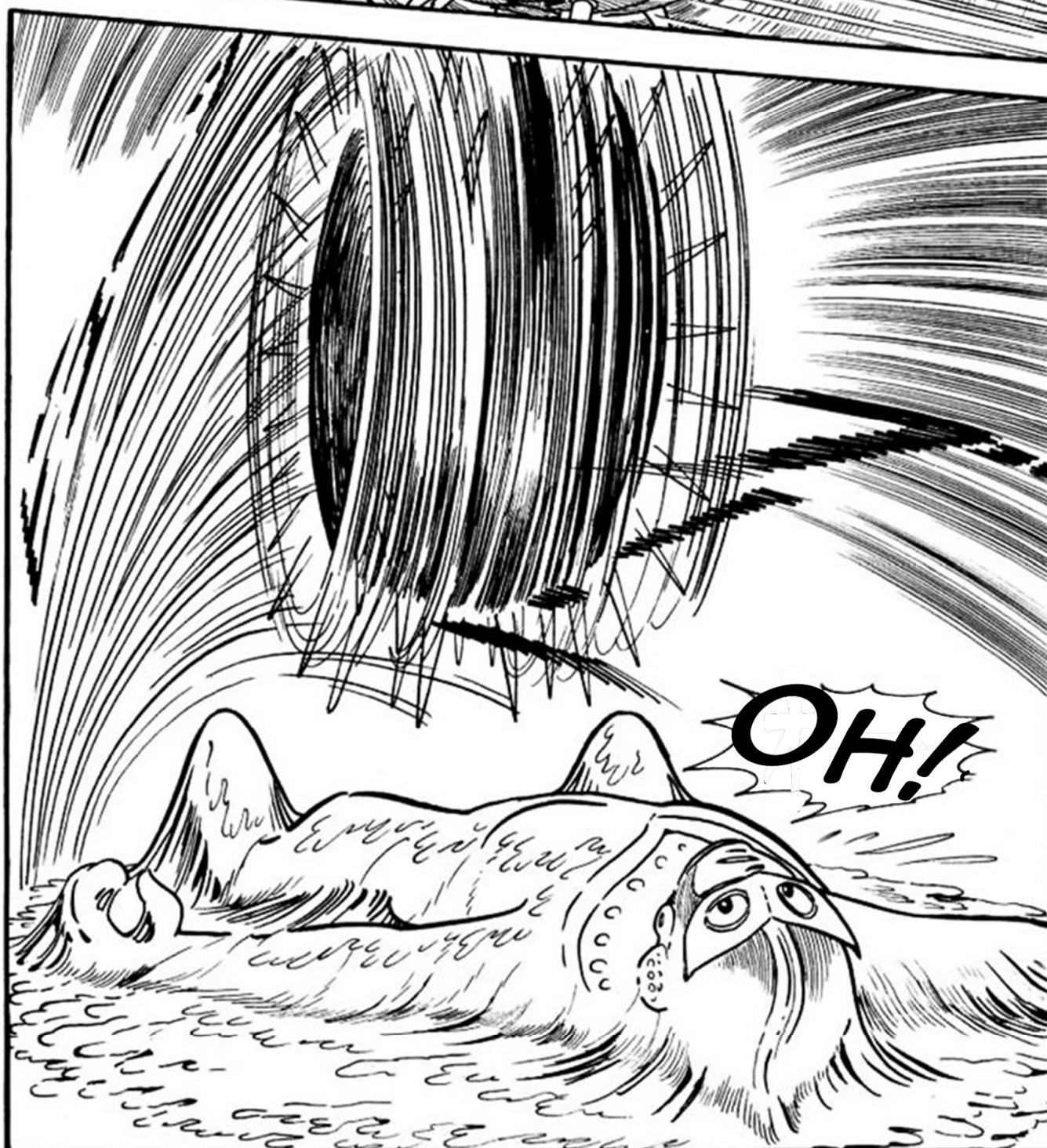
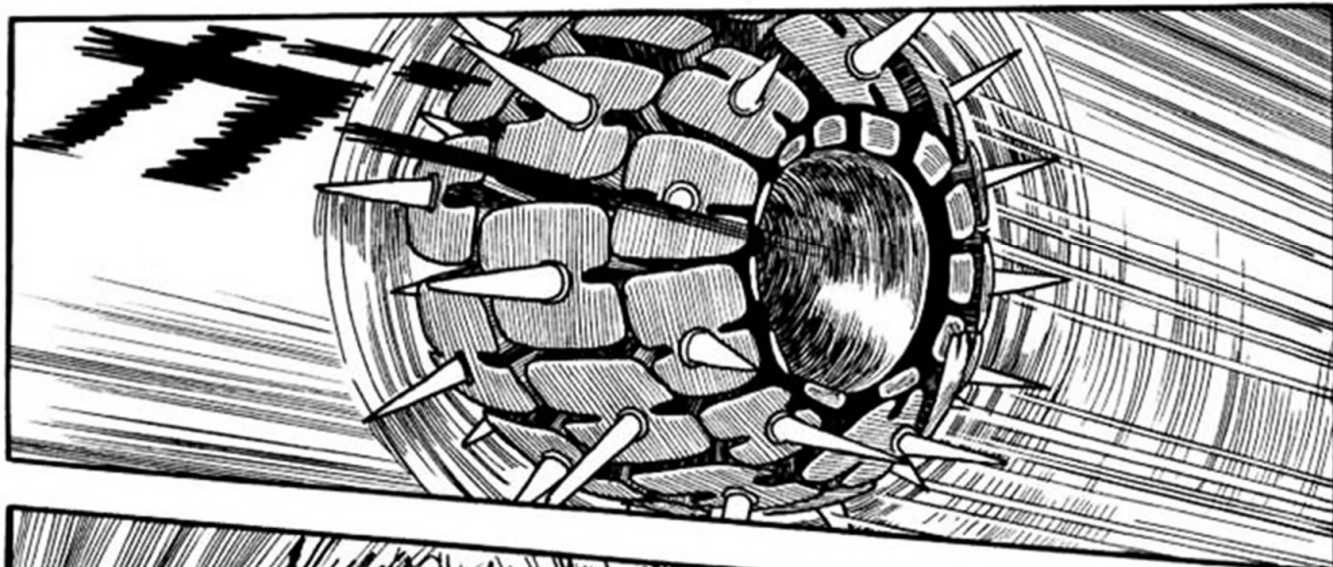


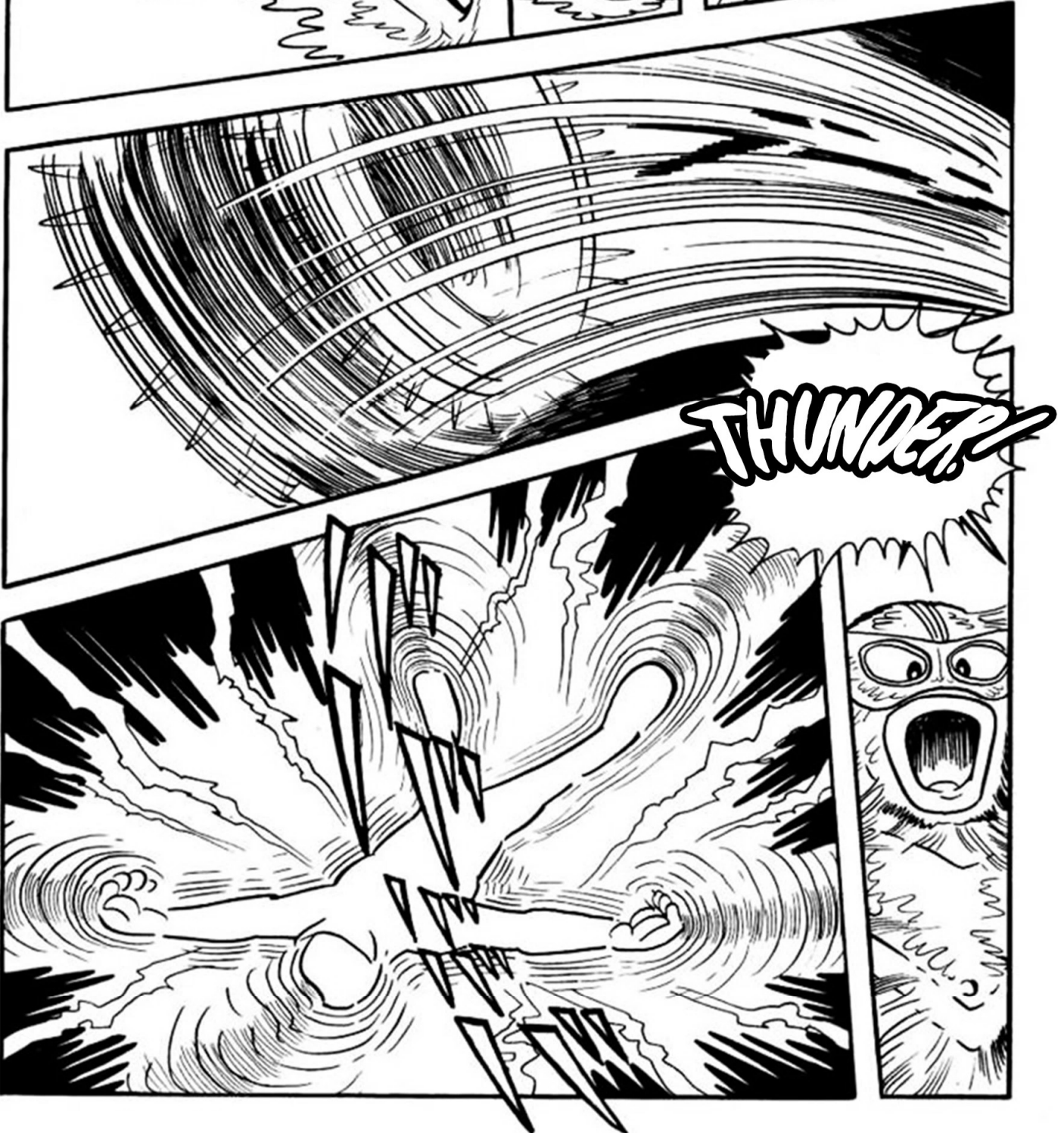
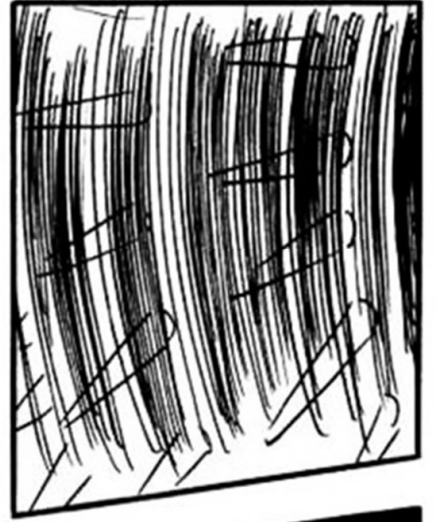
**KRAK-A-BOOM**

UH... GROSS!

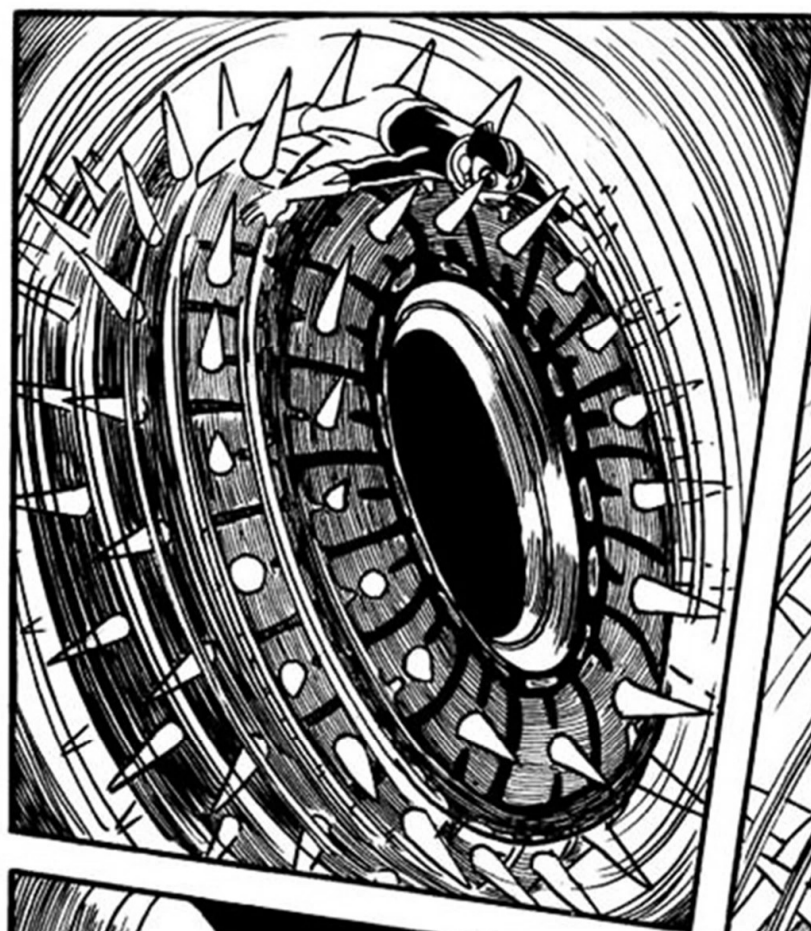
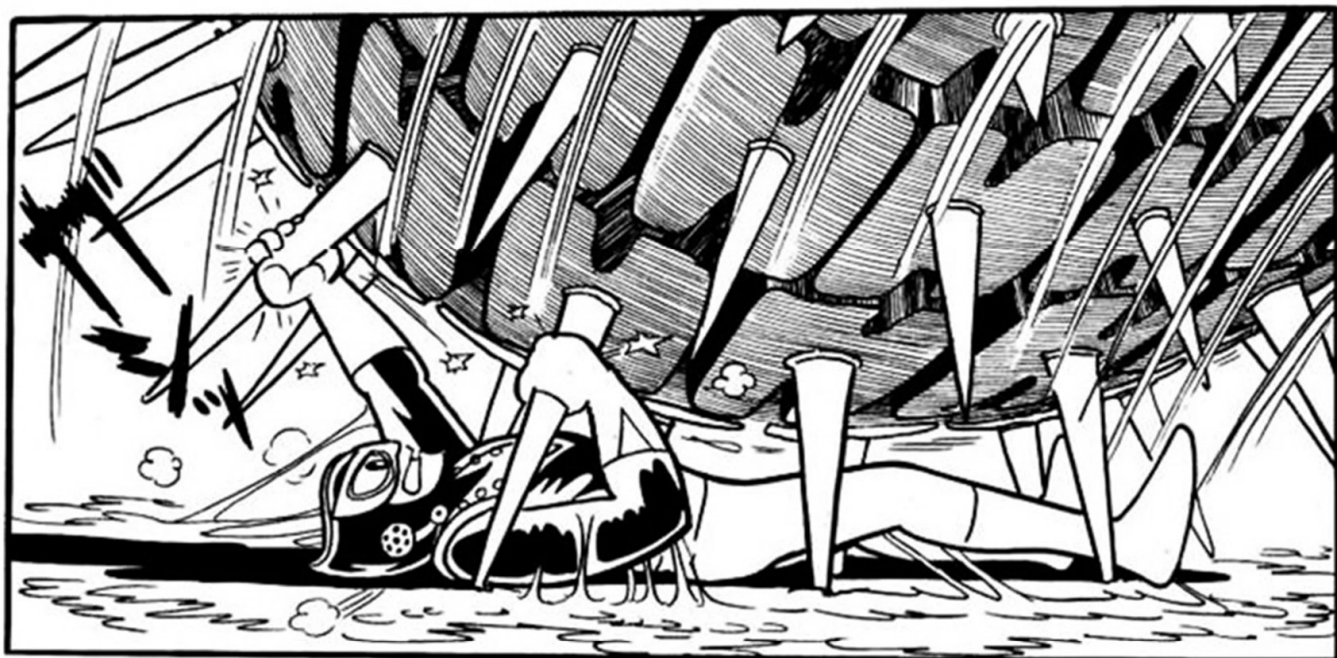




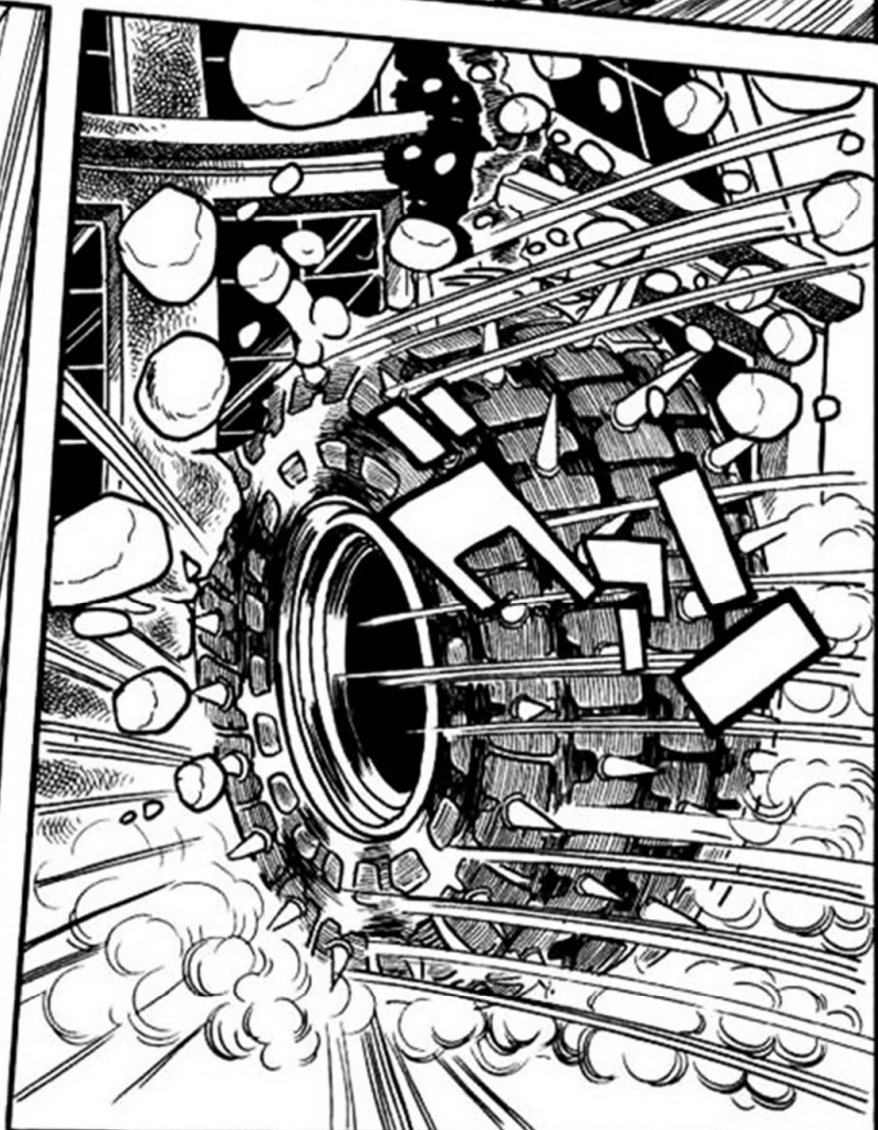
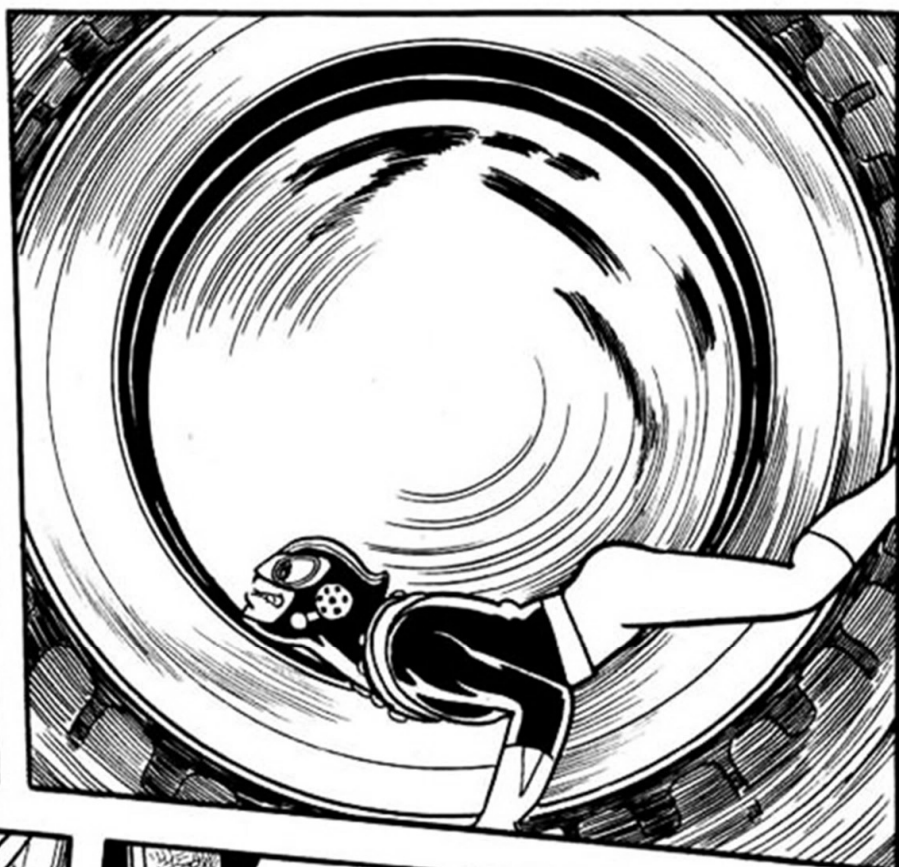
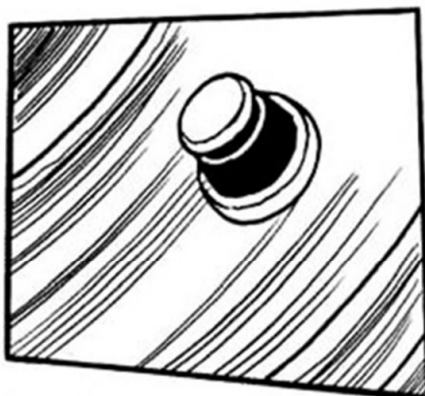
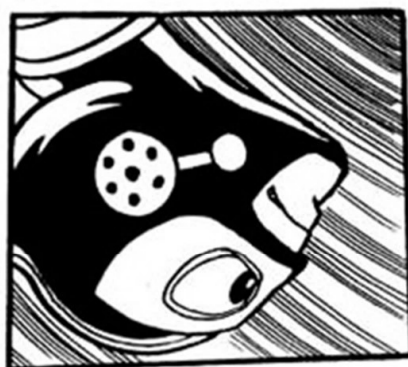


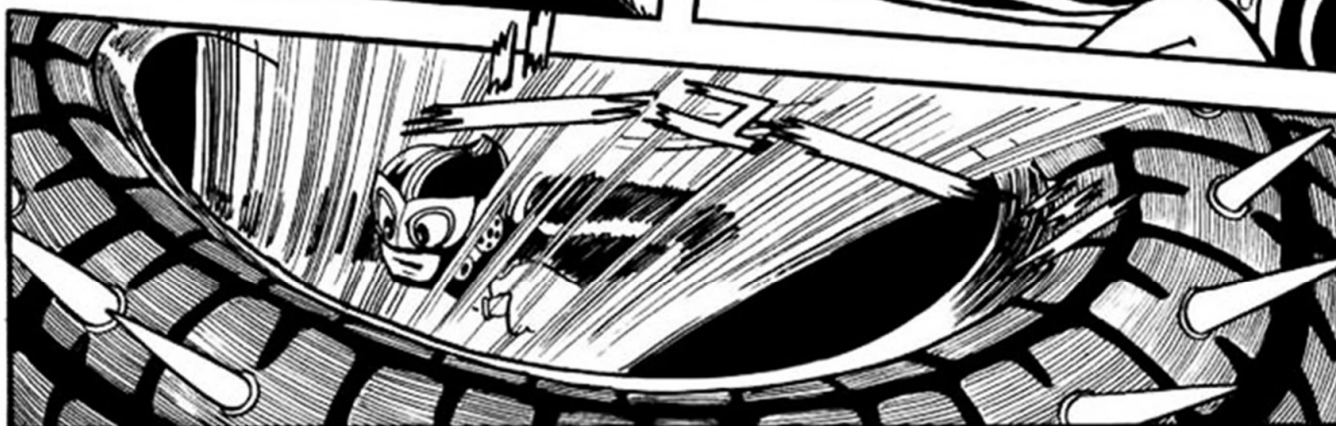
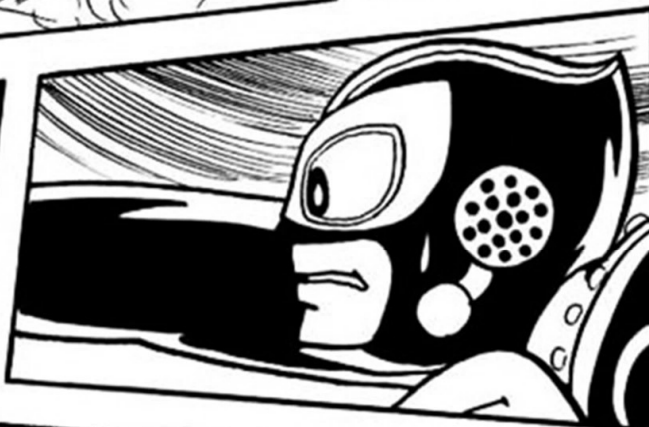
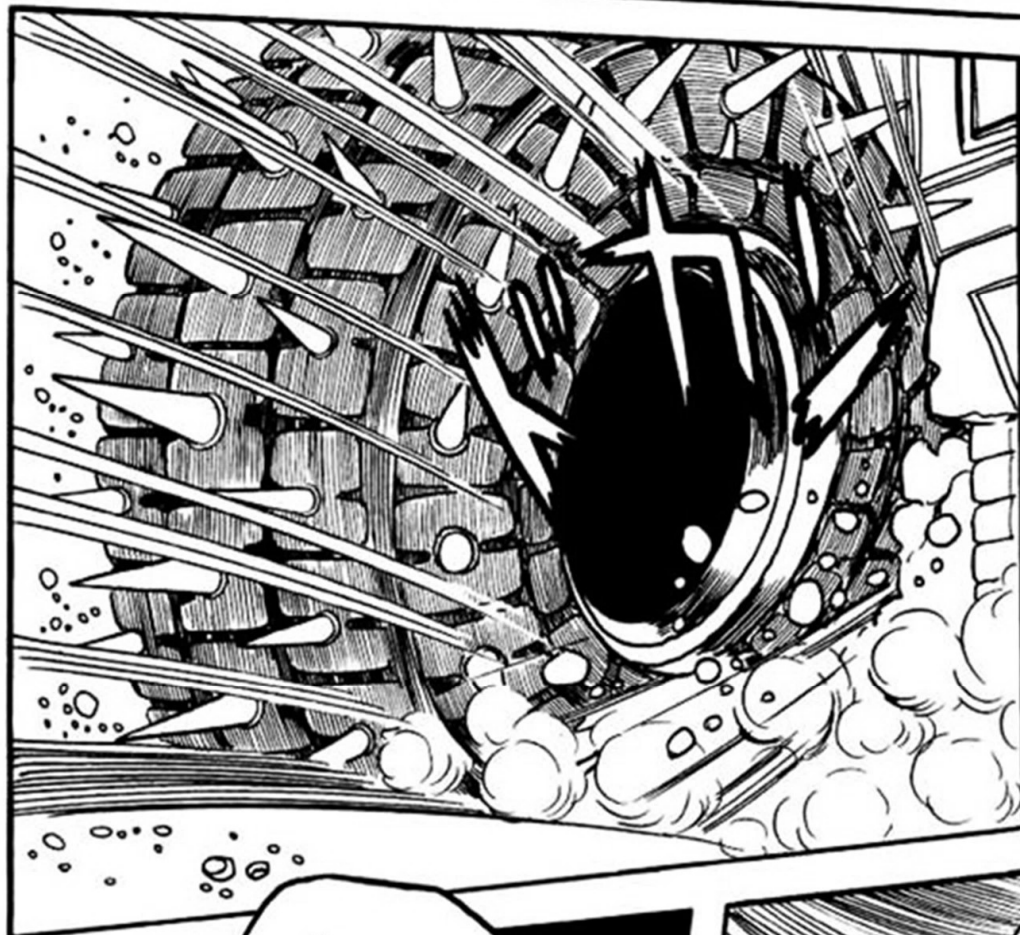
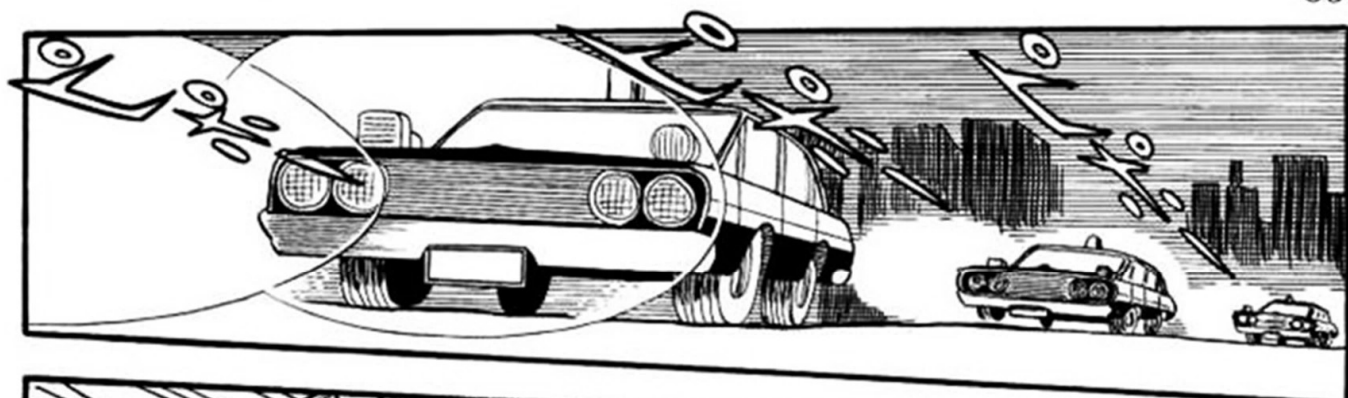








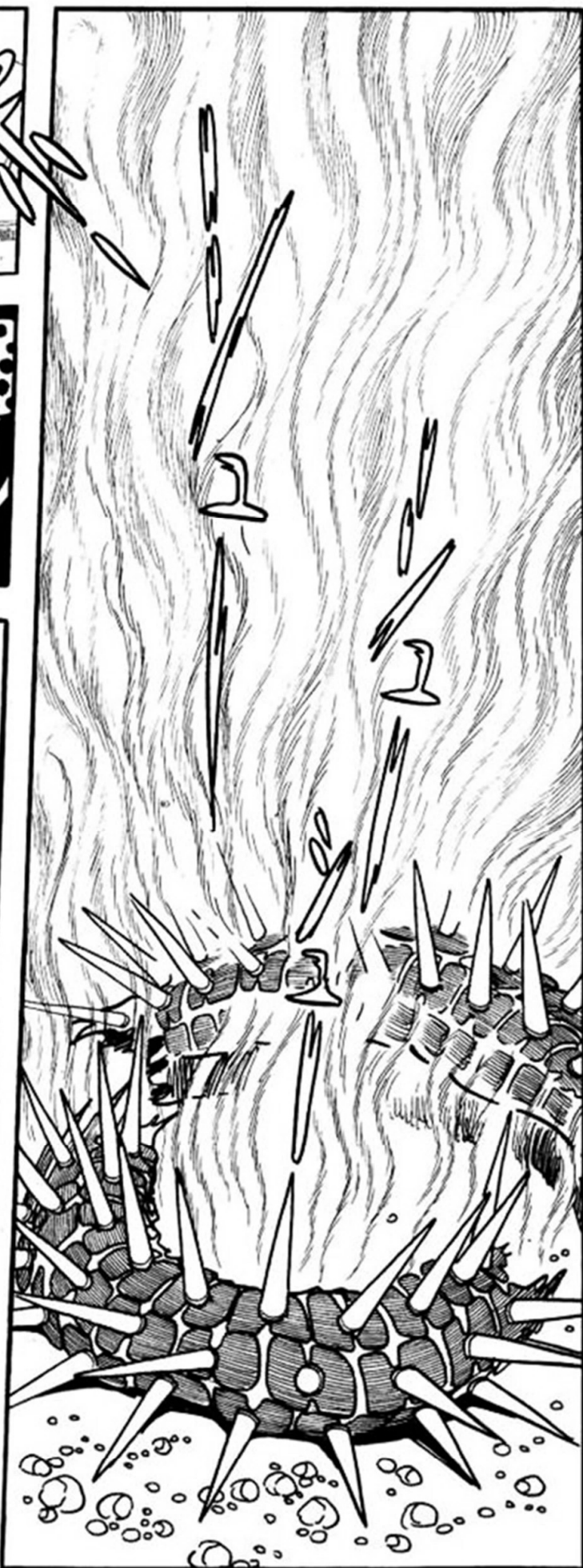
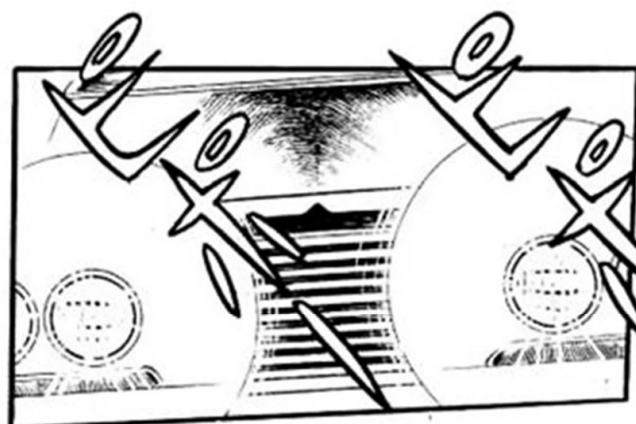


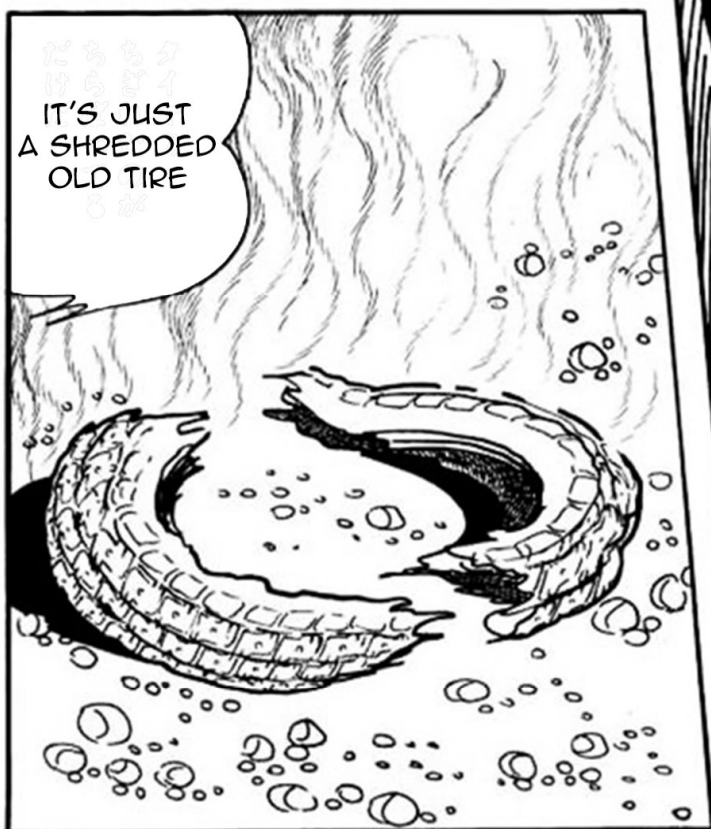
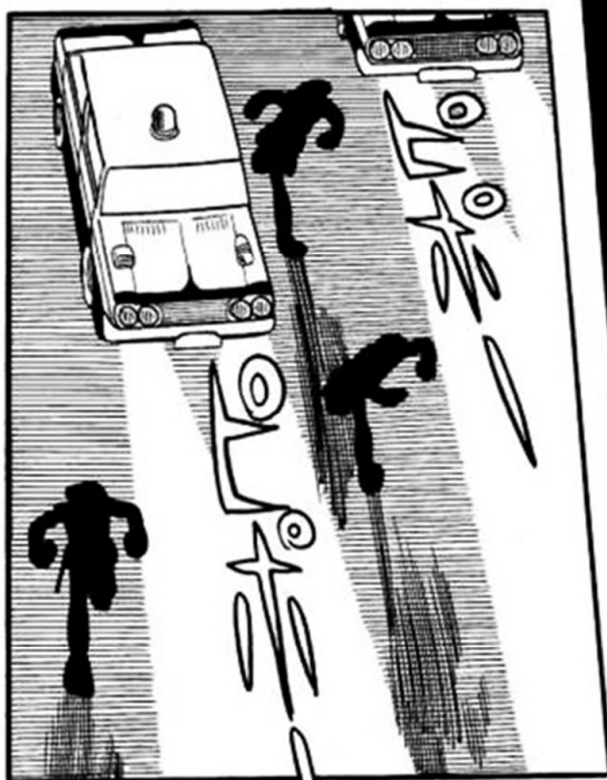


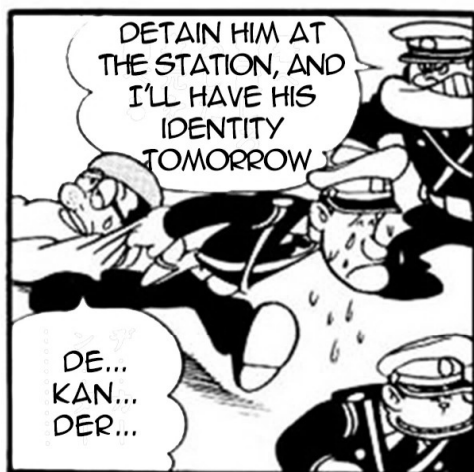
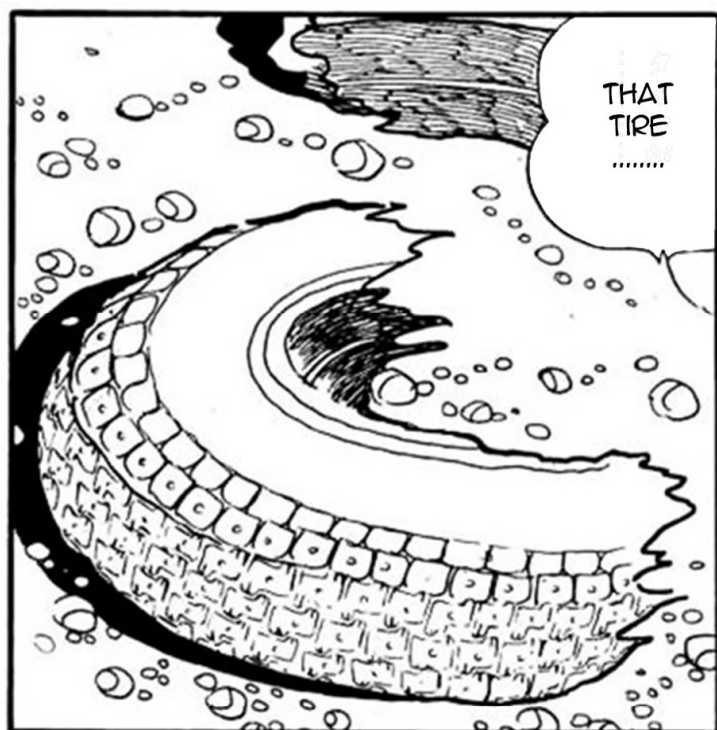
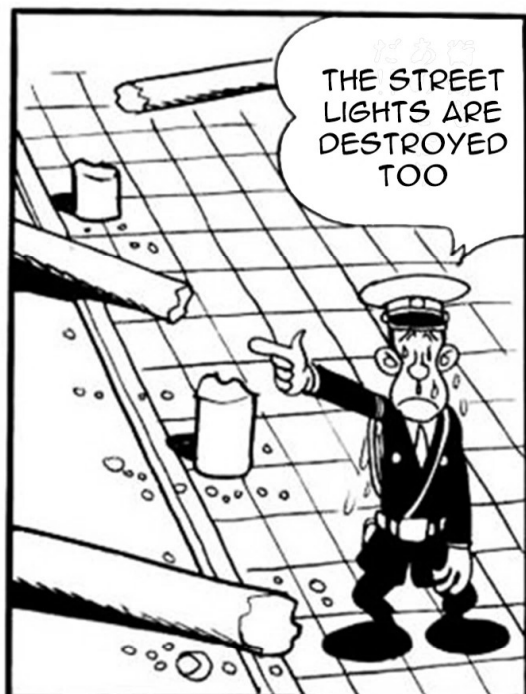










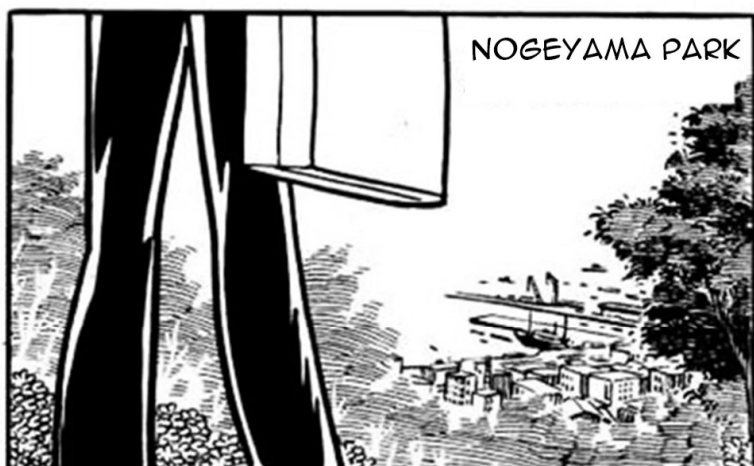
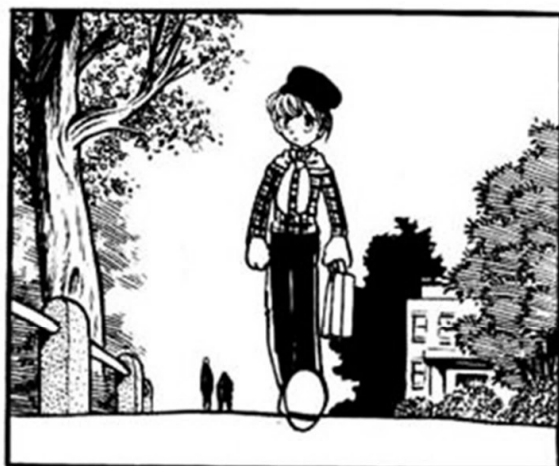
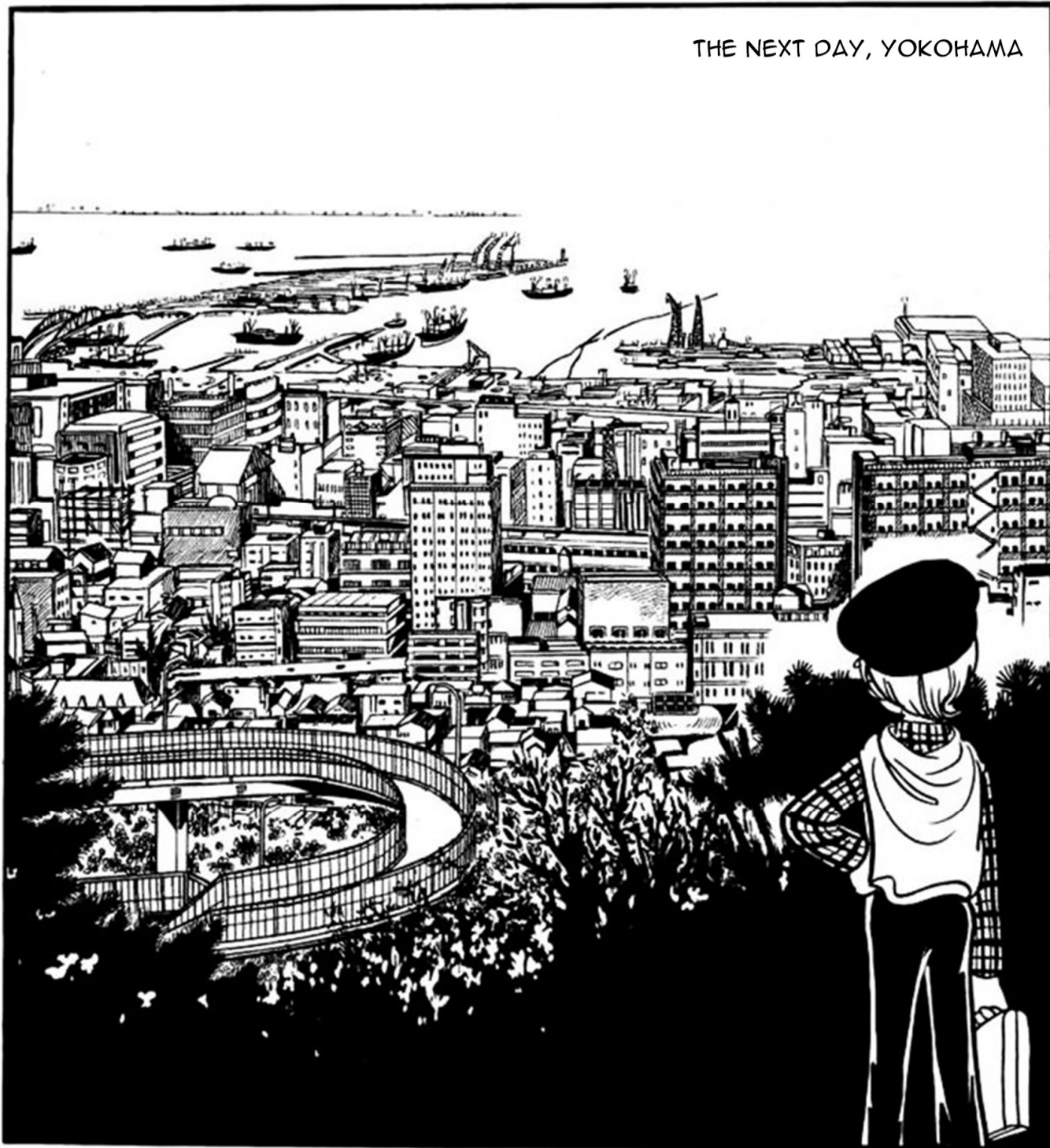


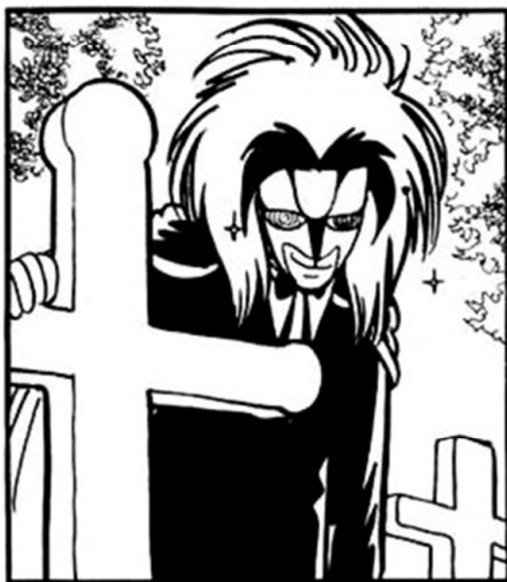
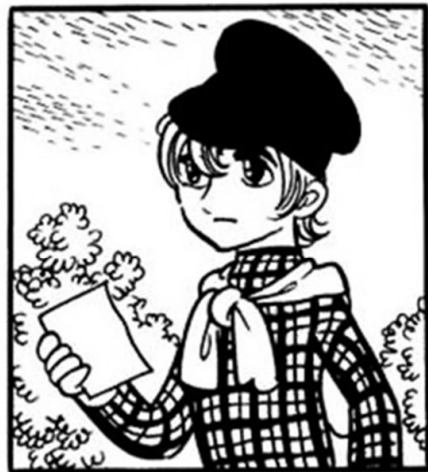


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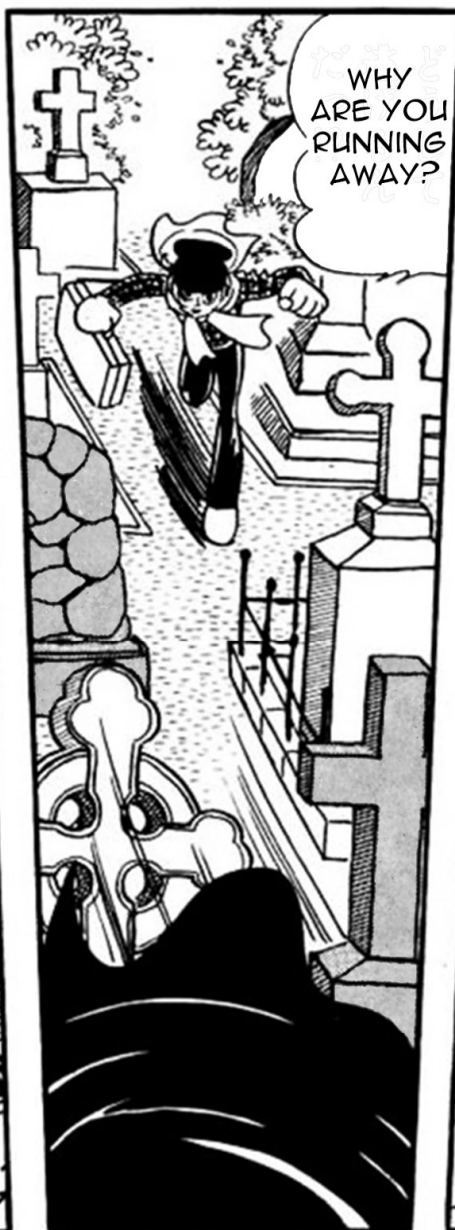
DEKANDER

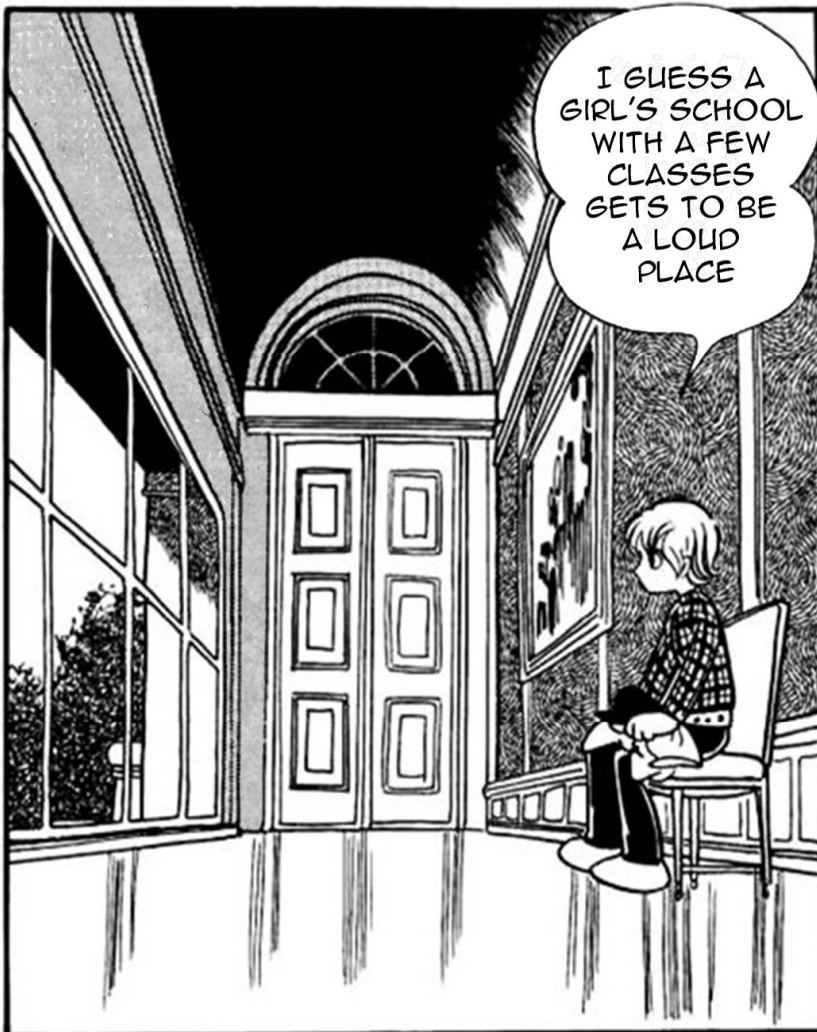
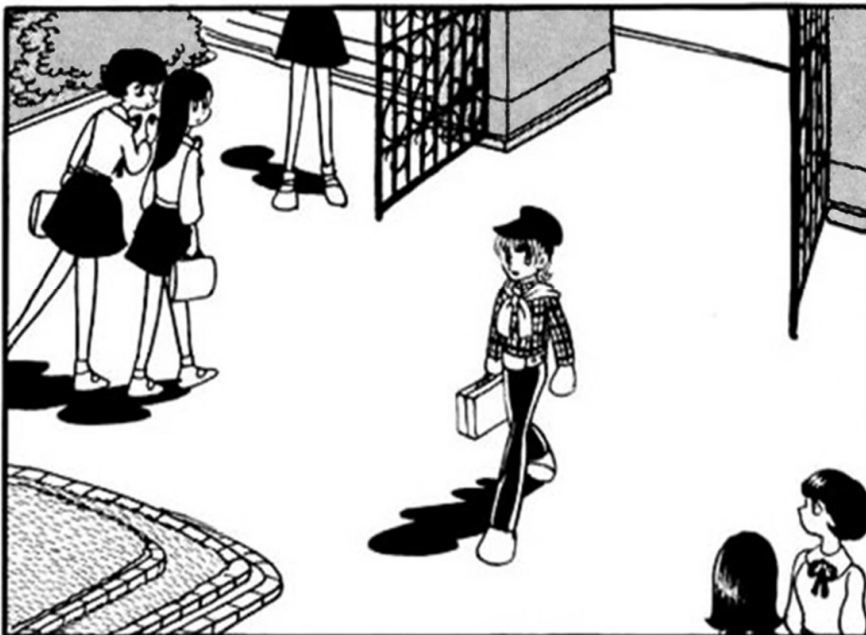
THE NEXT DAY, YOKOHAMA





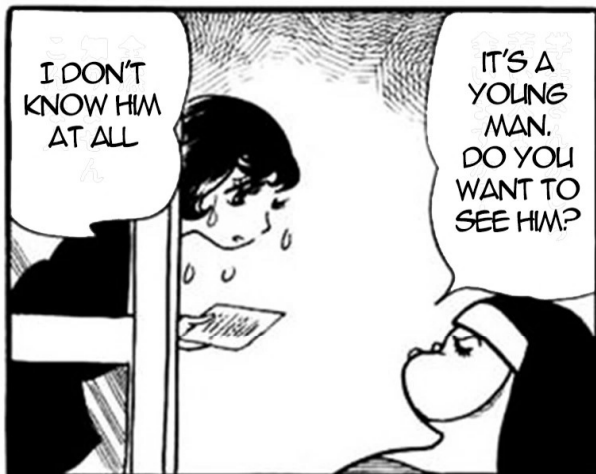


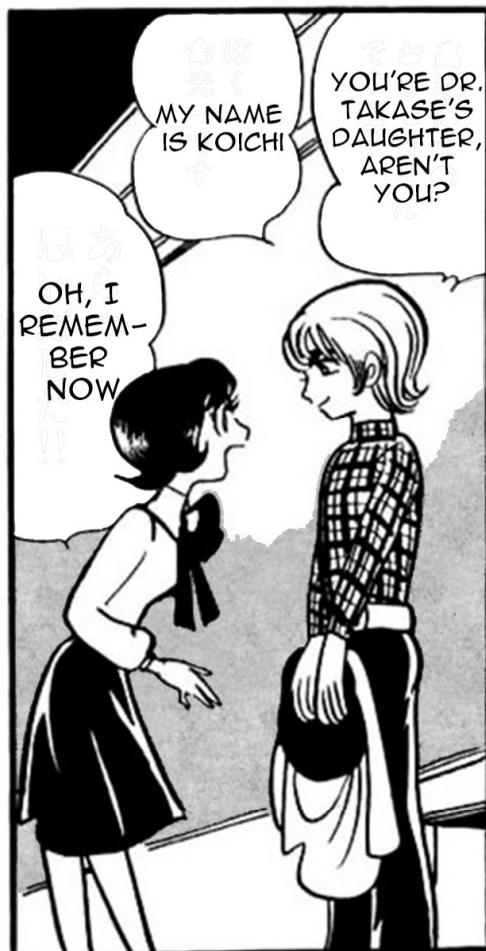
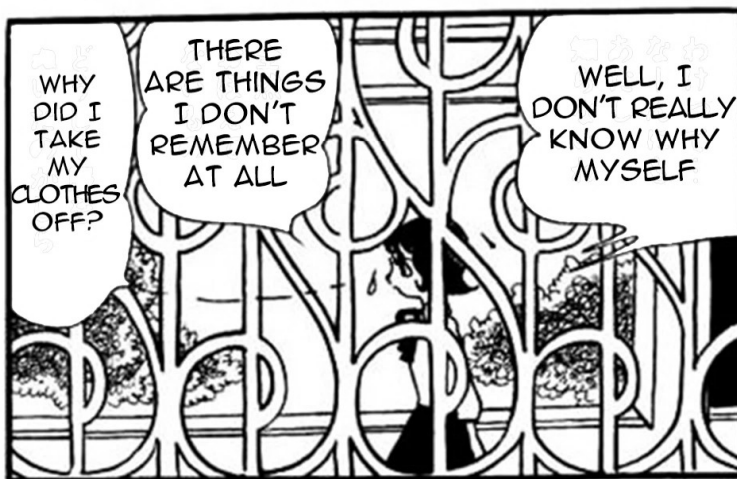
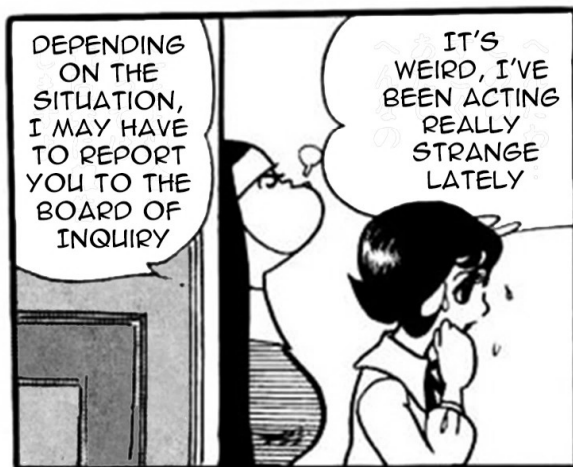


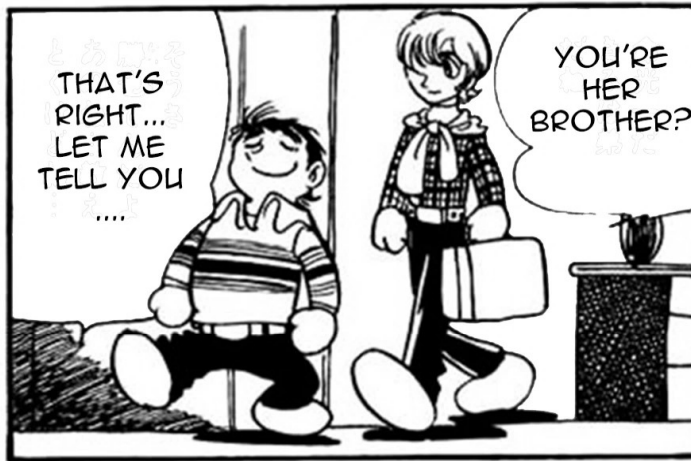
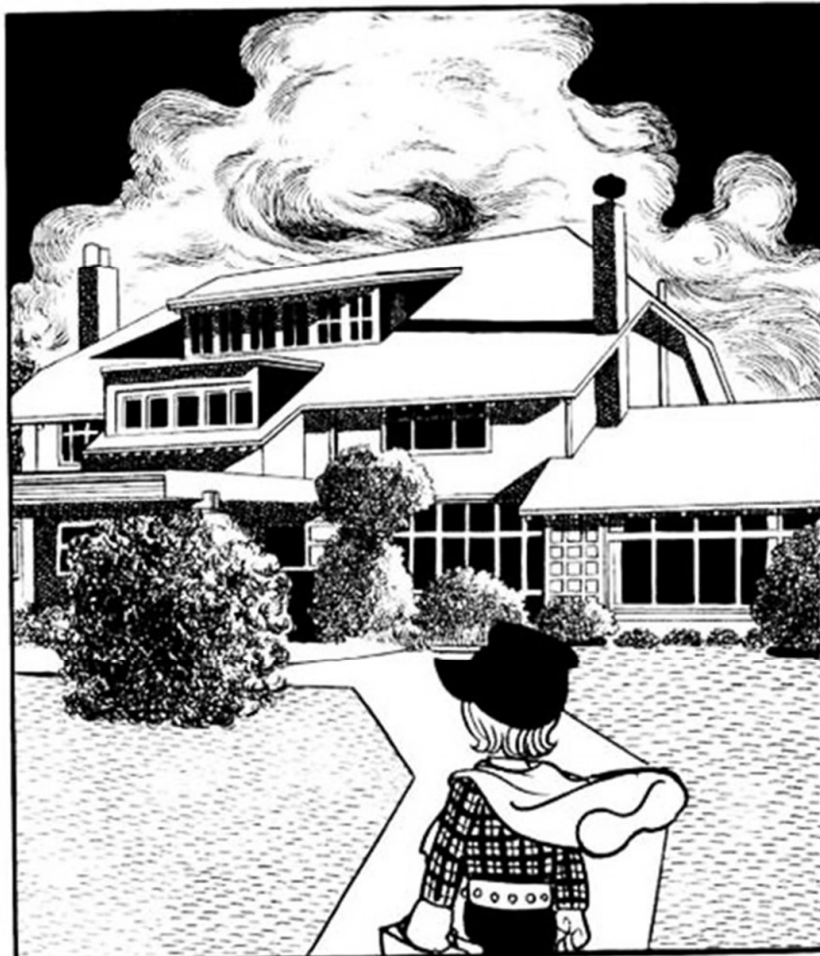




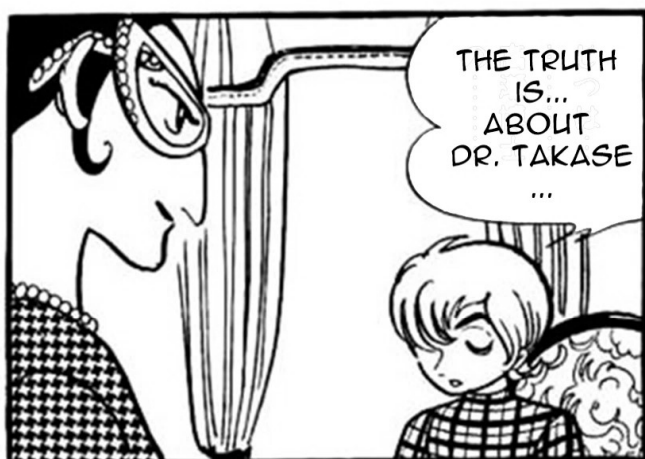
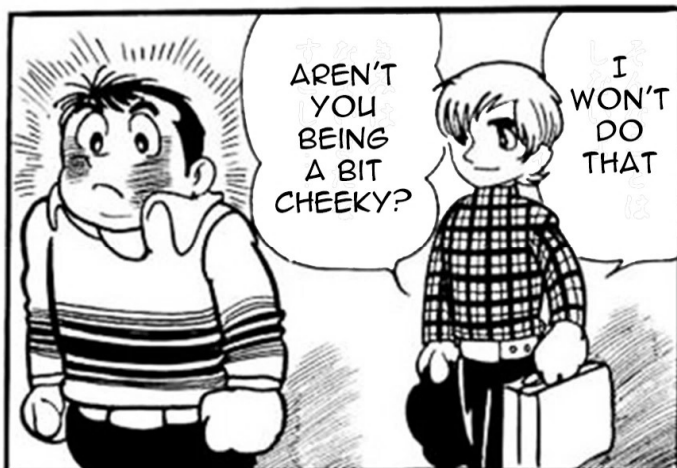
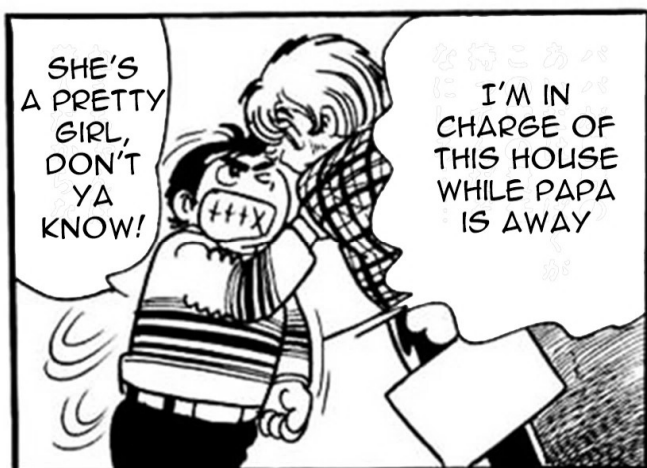


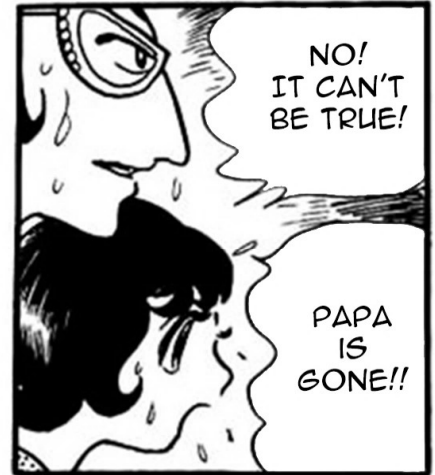








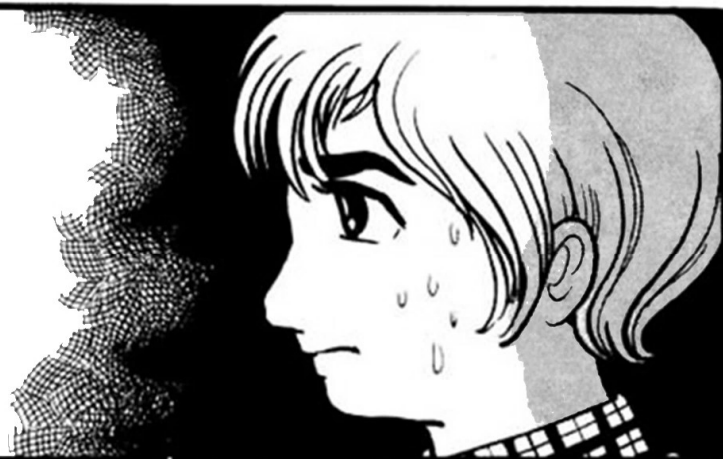






IS IT  
JUST HER  
HANDS, OR  
HER WHOLE  
BODY?

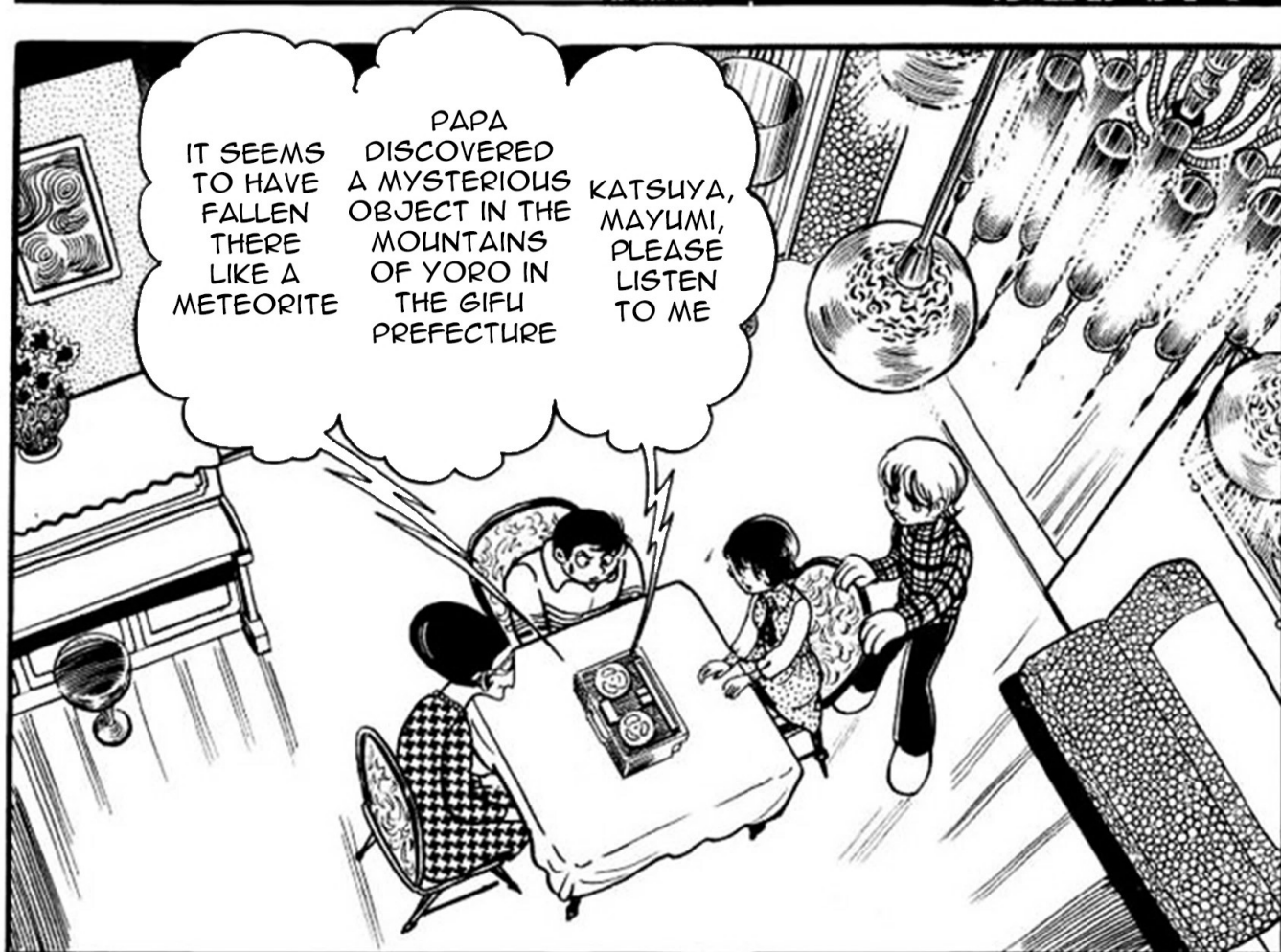
WHY  
ARE HER  
HANDS  
SO  
COLD?



IT SEEMS  
TO HAVE  
FALLEN  
THERE  
LIKE A  
METEORITE

PAPA  
DISCOVERED  
A MYSTERIOUS  
OBJECT IN THE  
MOUNTAINS  
OF YORO IN  
THE Gifu  
PREFECTURE

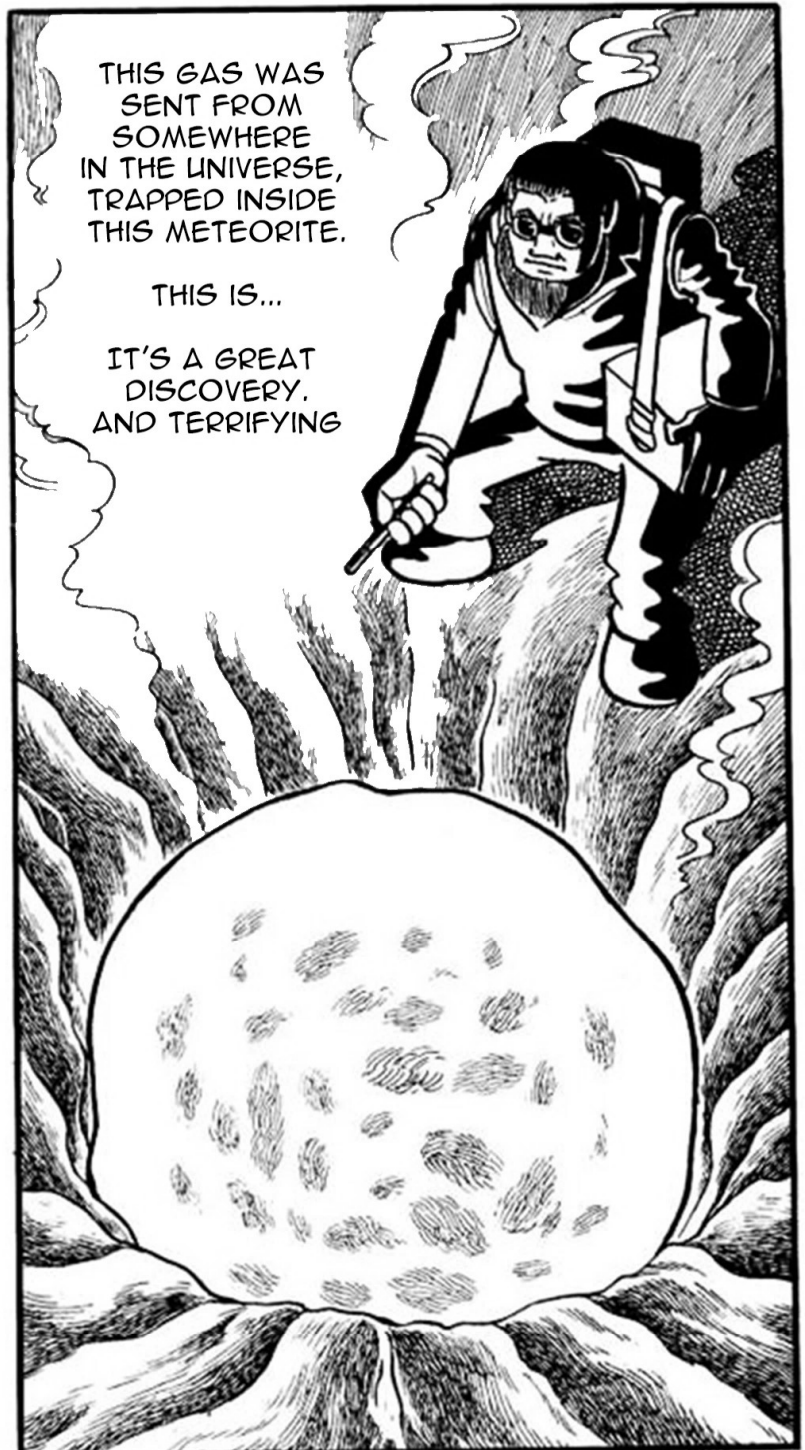
KATSUYA,  
MAYUMI,  
PLEASE  
LISTEN  
TO ME

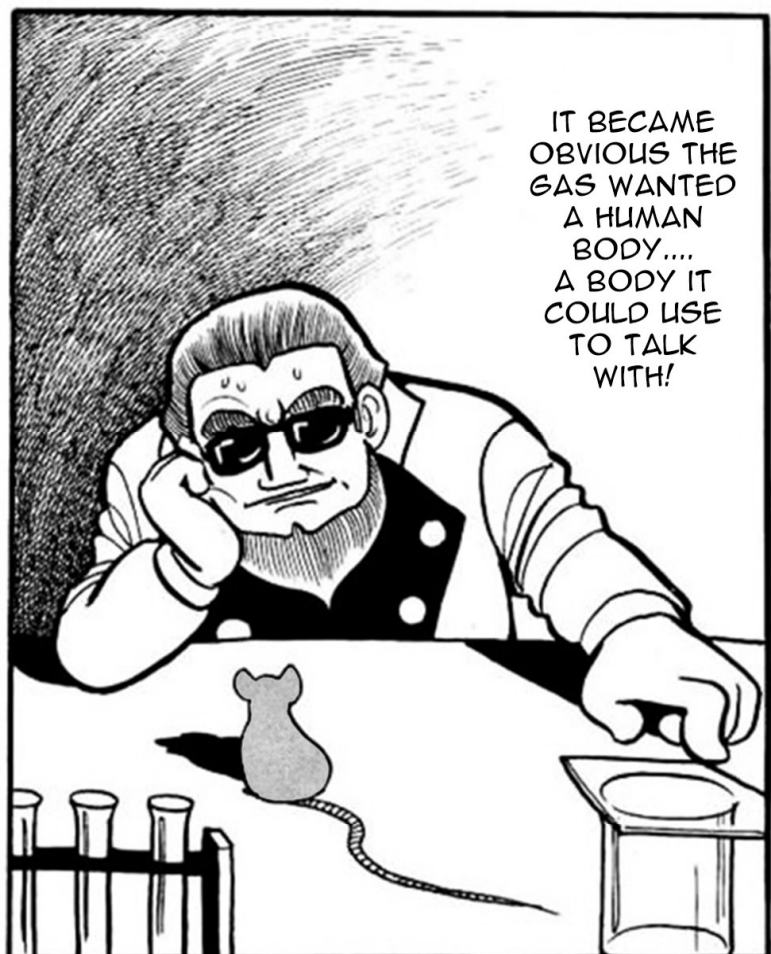
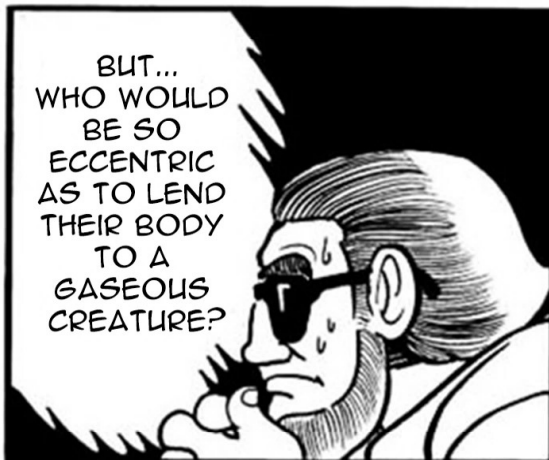
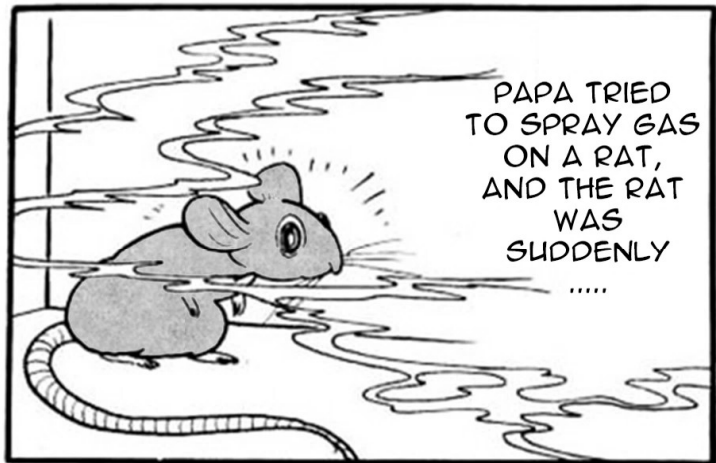


THERE WAS  
A GAS TRAPPED  
INSIDE OF THE  
POURIOUS  
STONE

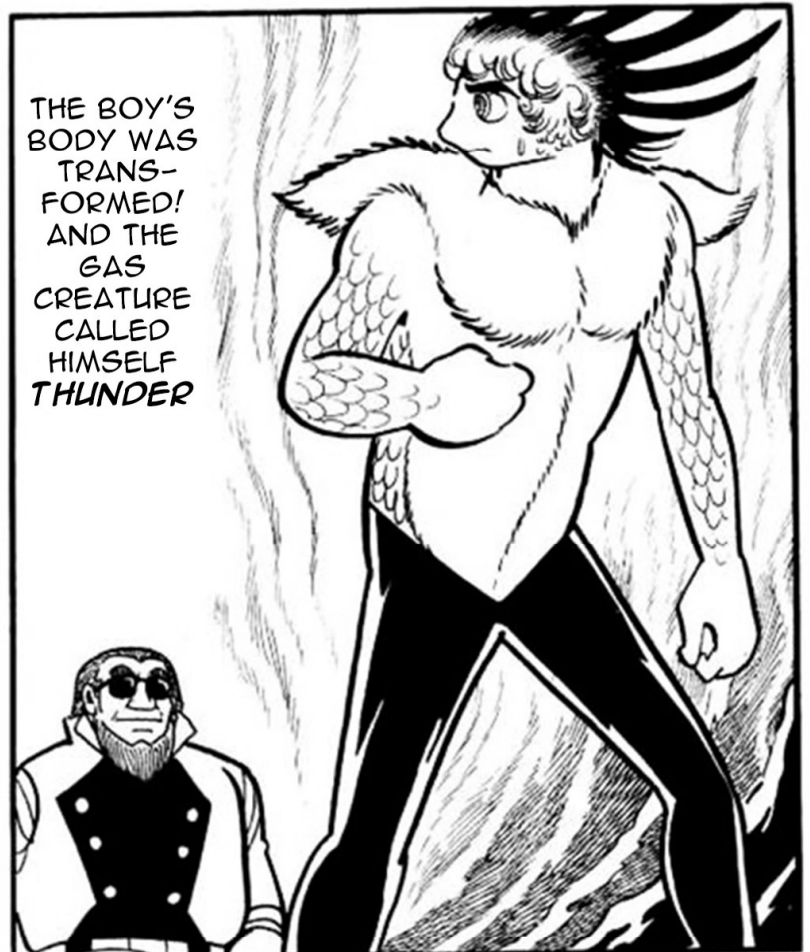
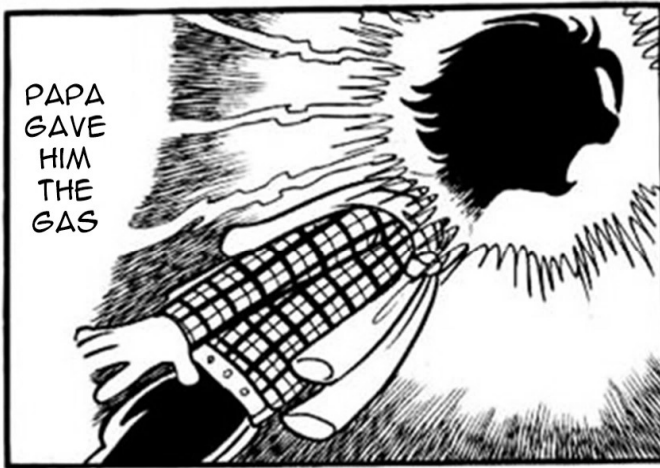




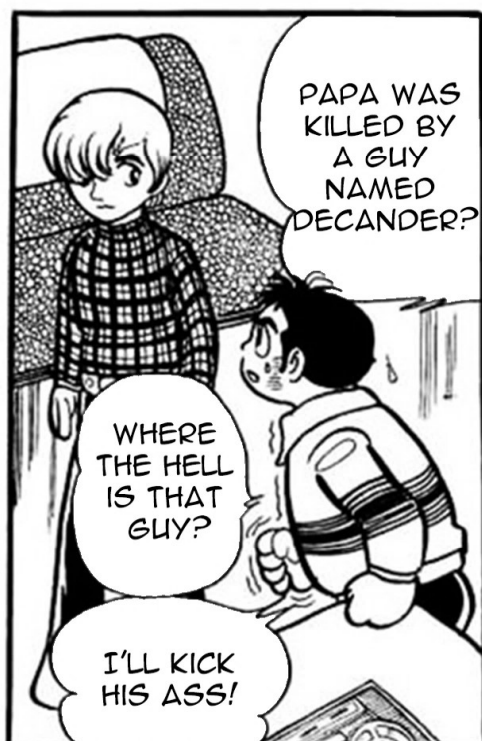
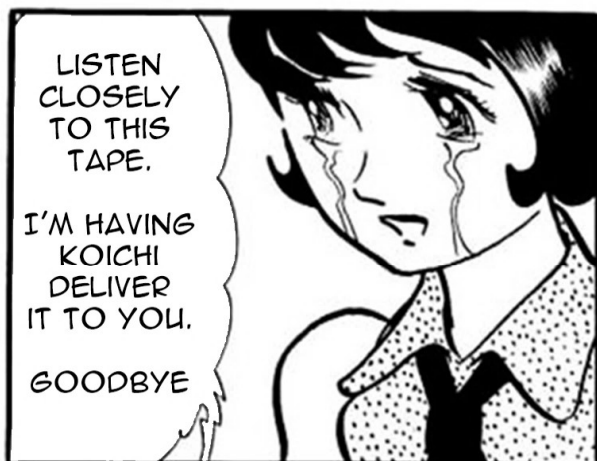


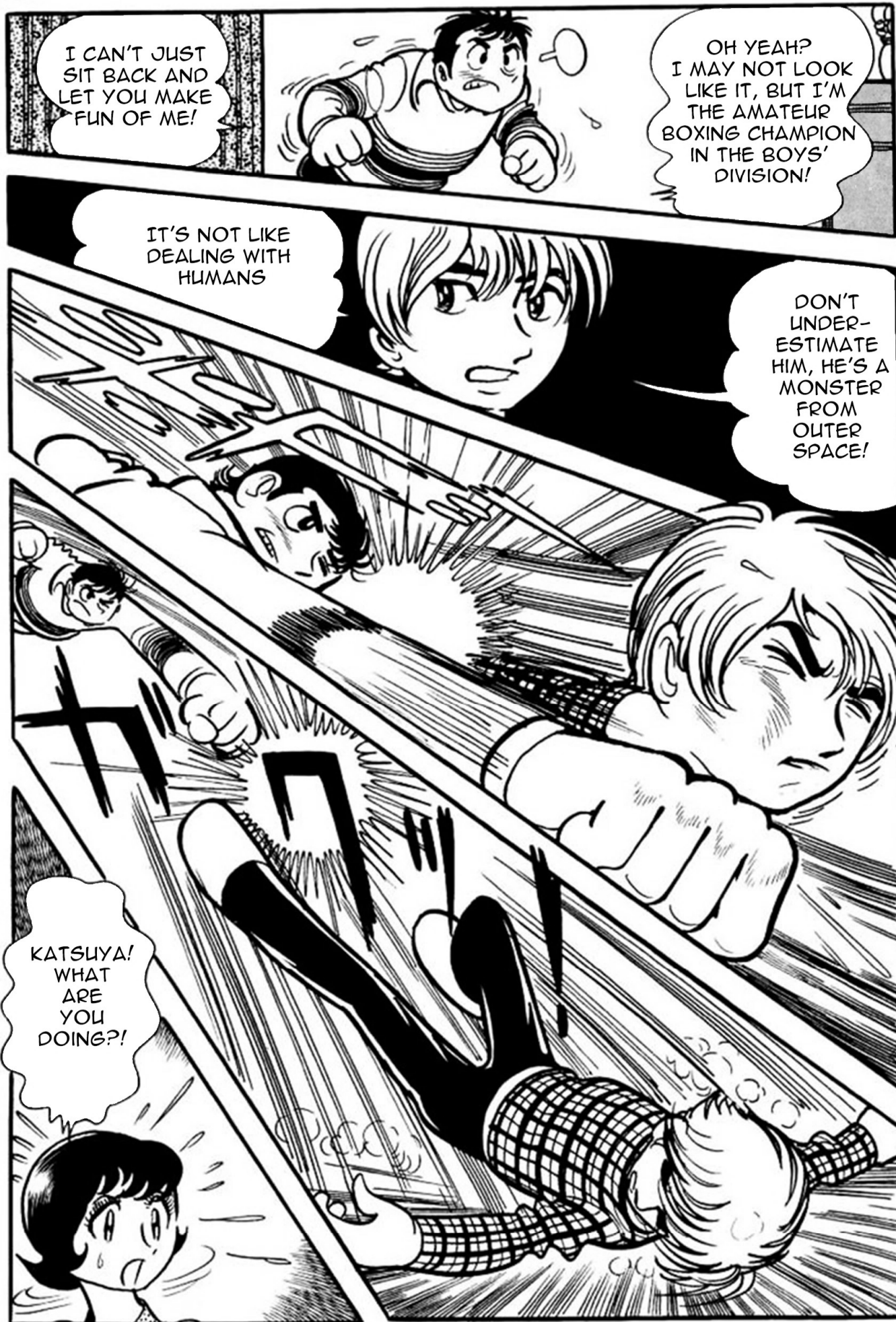








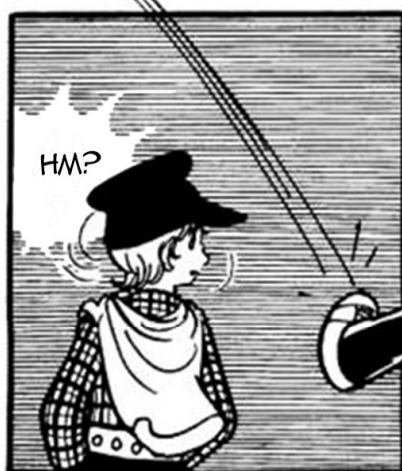




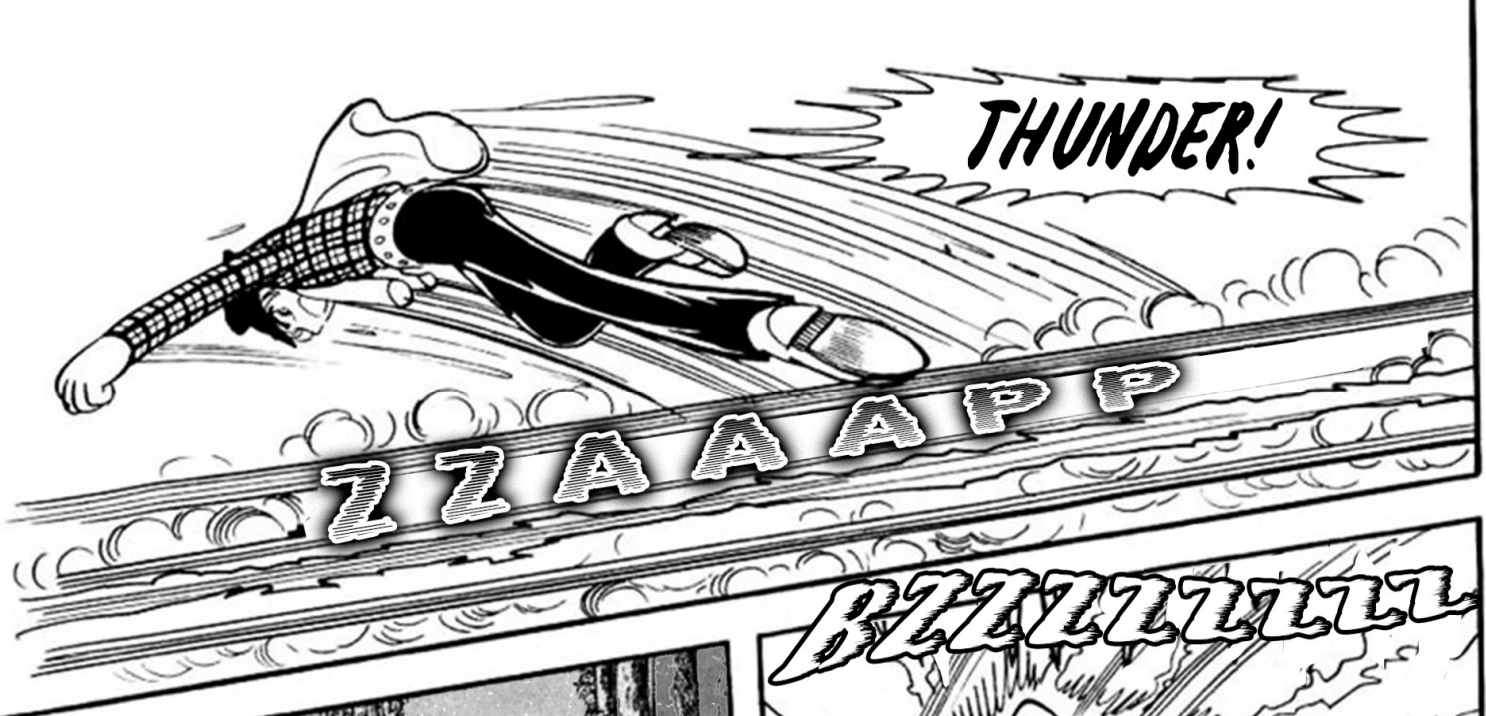




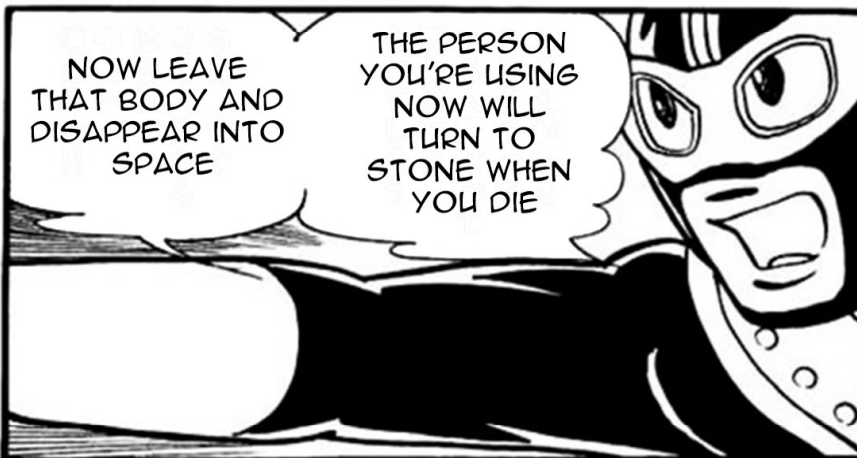


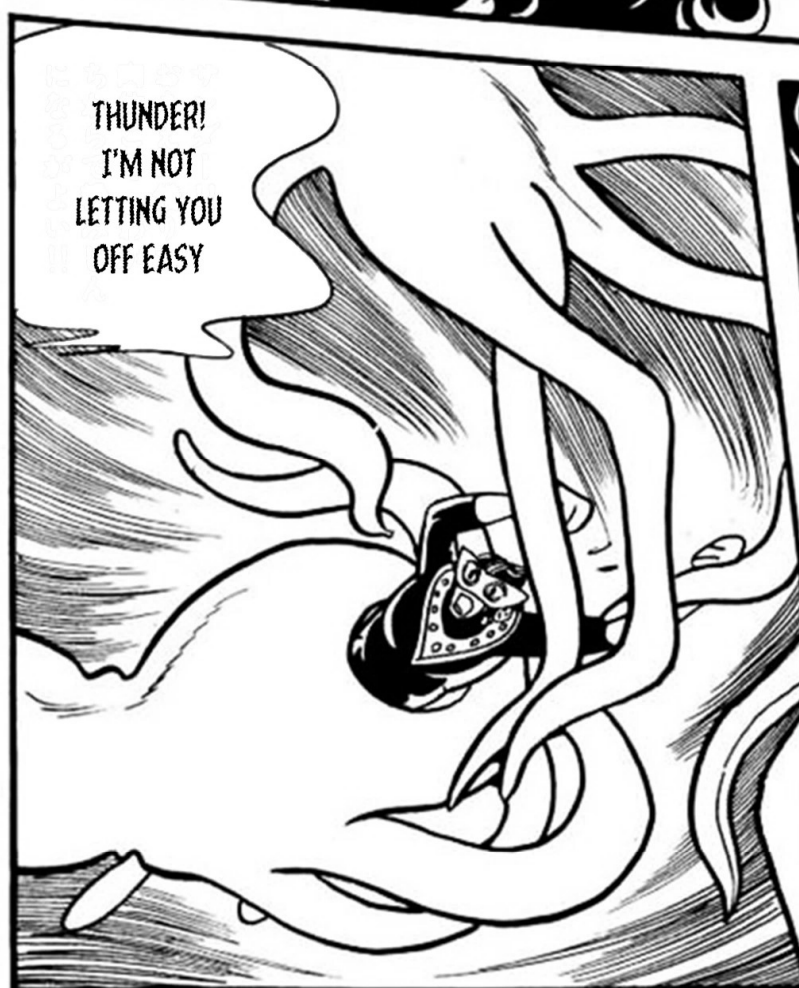












THUNDER!  
I'M NOT  
LETTING YOU  
OFF EASY



BEHOLD  
MY META-  
MORPHOSIS



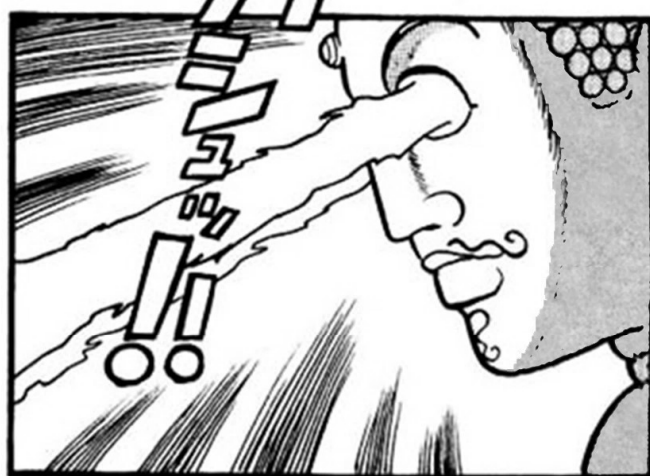


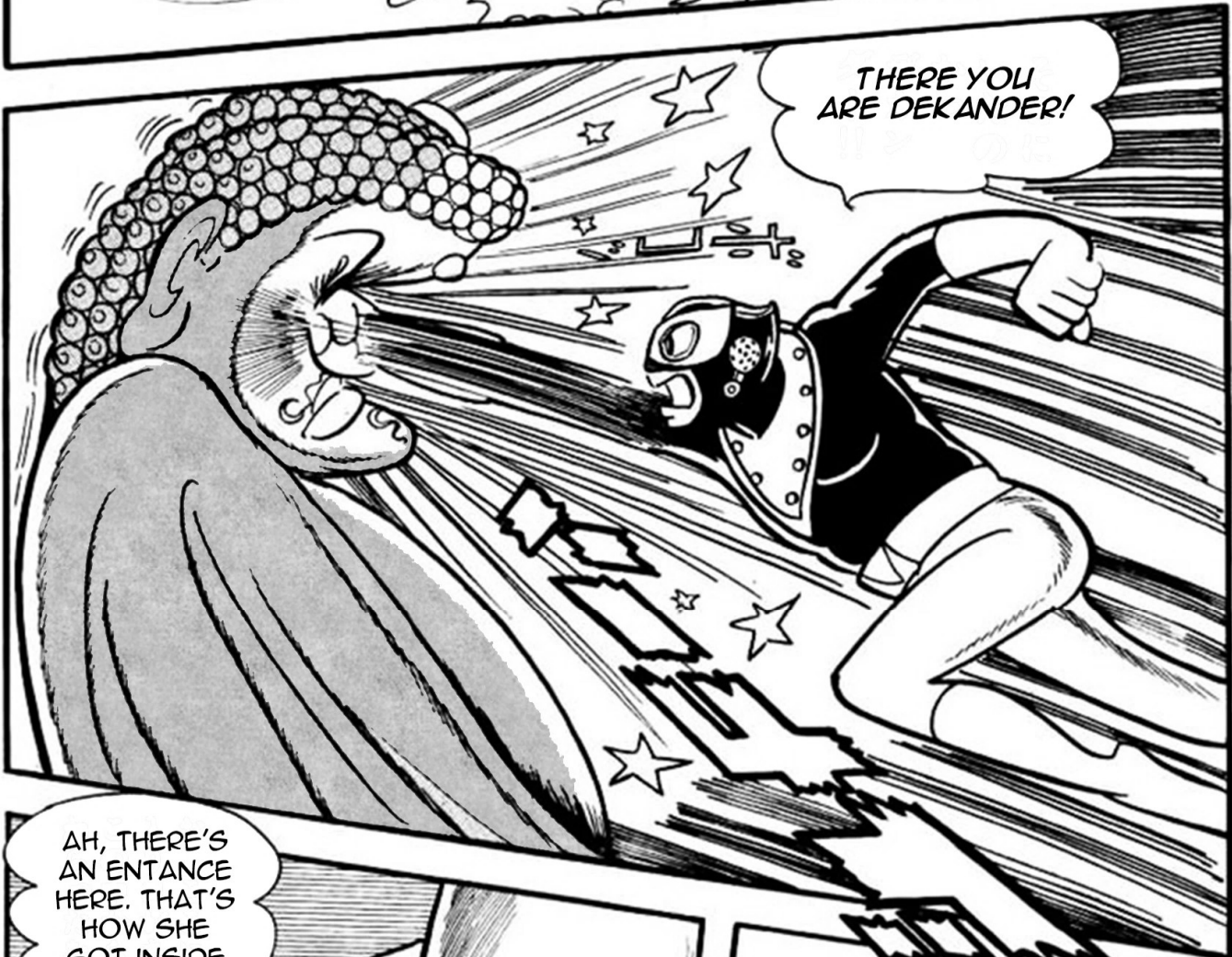


WAIT!  
IT'S TOO  
LATE TO RUN  
AWAY NOW!

WHERE'D YOU  
HIDE, DEKANDER?



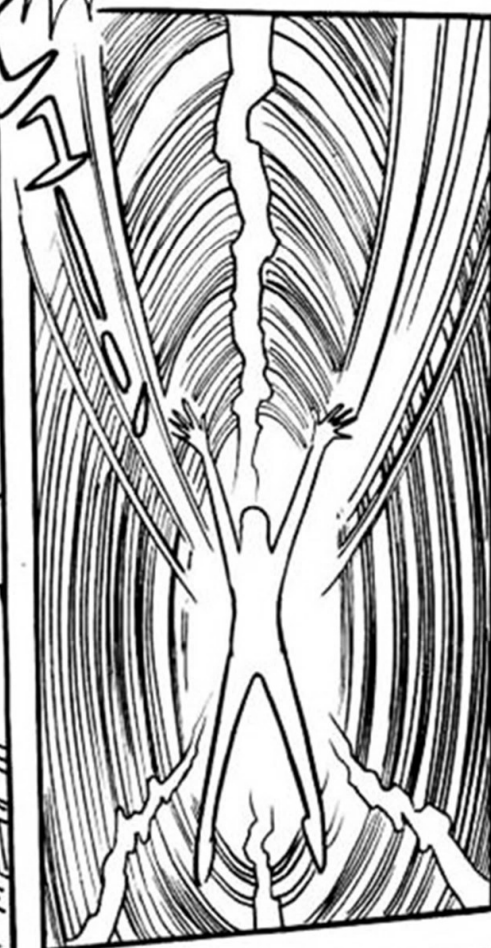


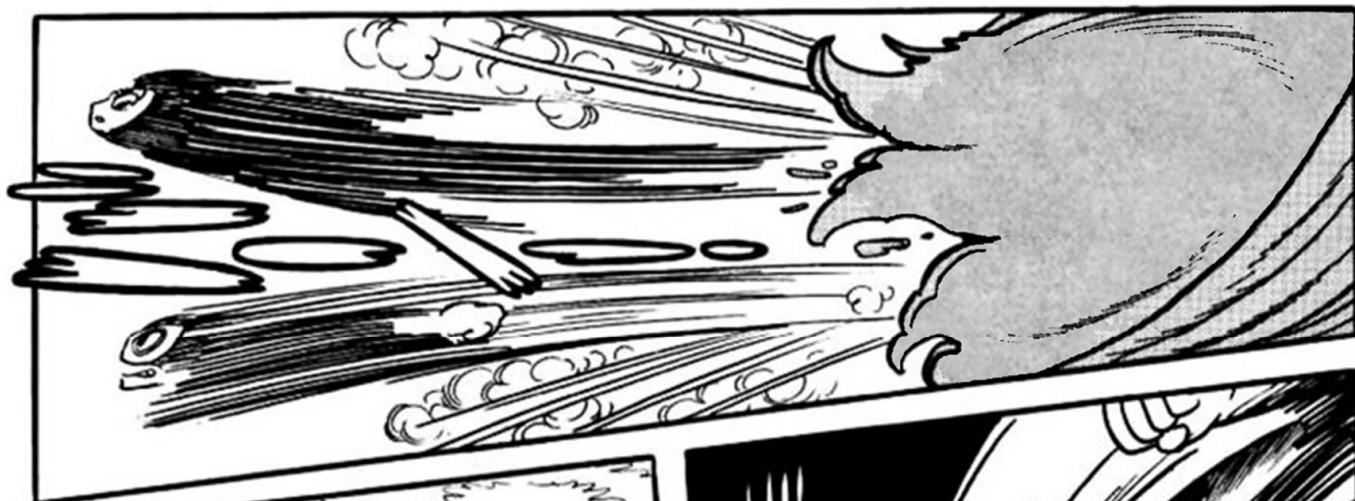




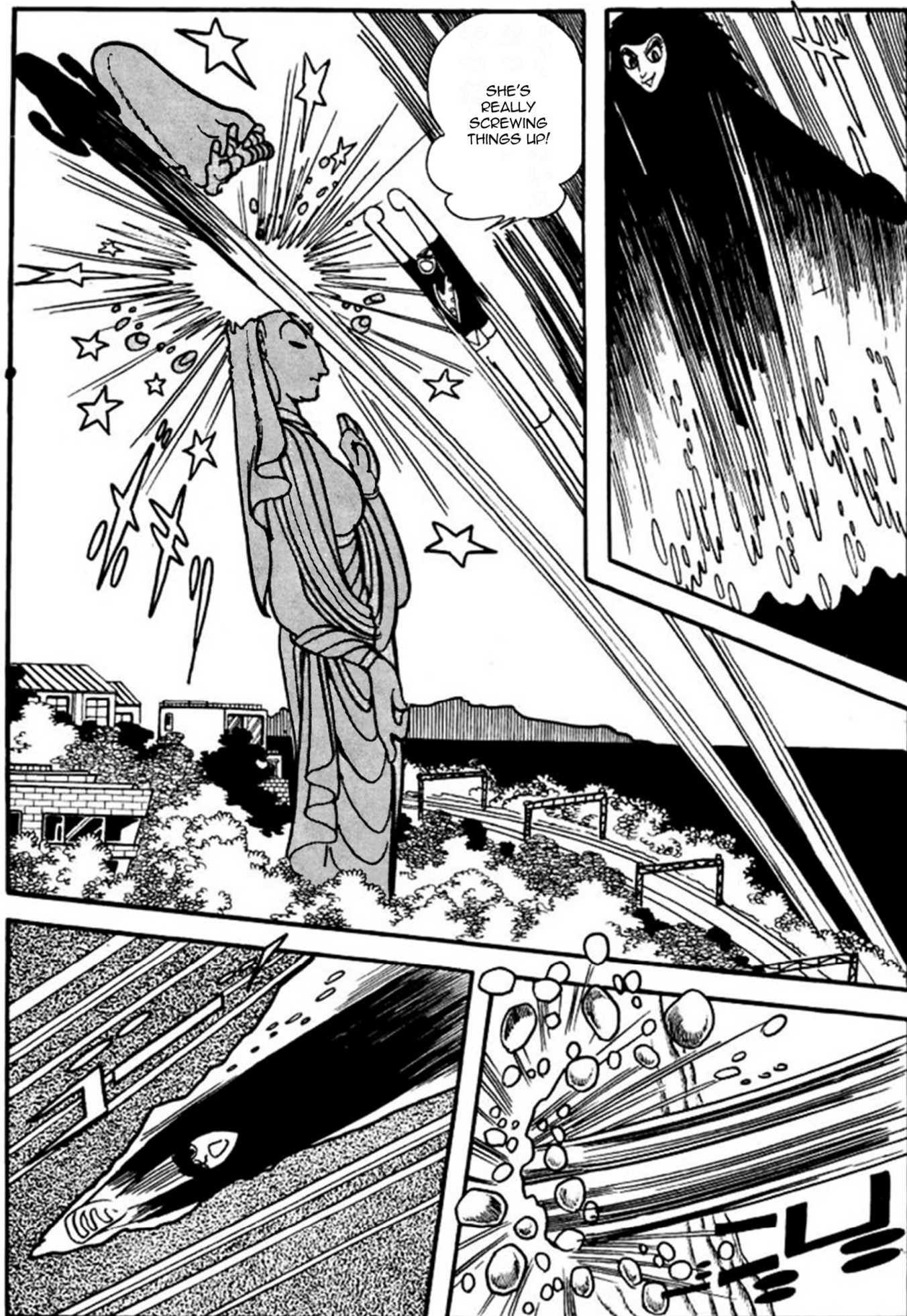


SMALLER!













WE'RE  
GOING  
ALL THE WAY  
UNDER THE  
EARTH

YOU'VE COME  
THIS FAR,  
THUNDER



AH  
WHAT  
THE  
HELL



HAHAHA  
COME ON  
THUNDER,  
CAN YOU  
JUMP IN  
HERE?



YOU'RE A  
SILICOFORM,  
SO YOU  
CAN ESCAPE  
INTO THE LAVA,  
BUT I CAN'T

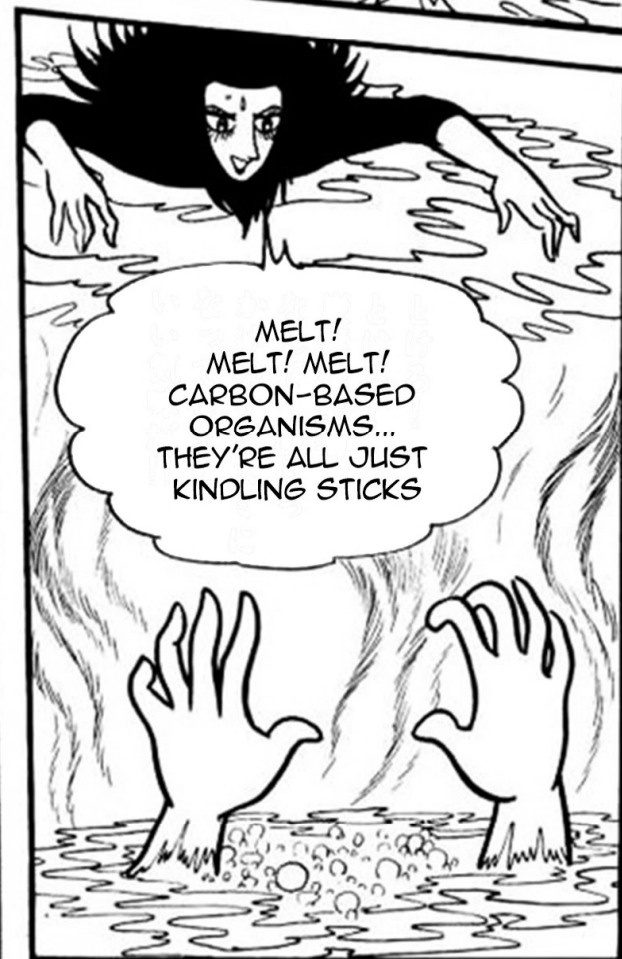
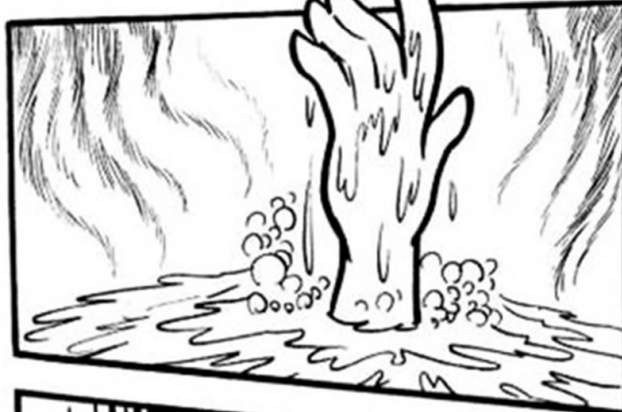


OOOOW  
OW OW  
OW!

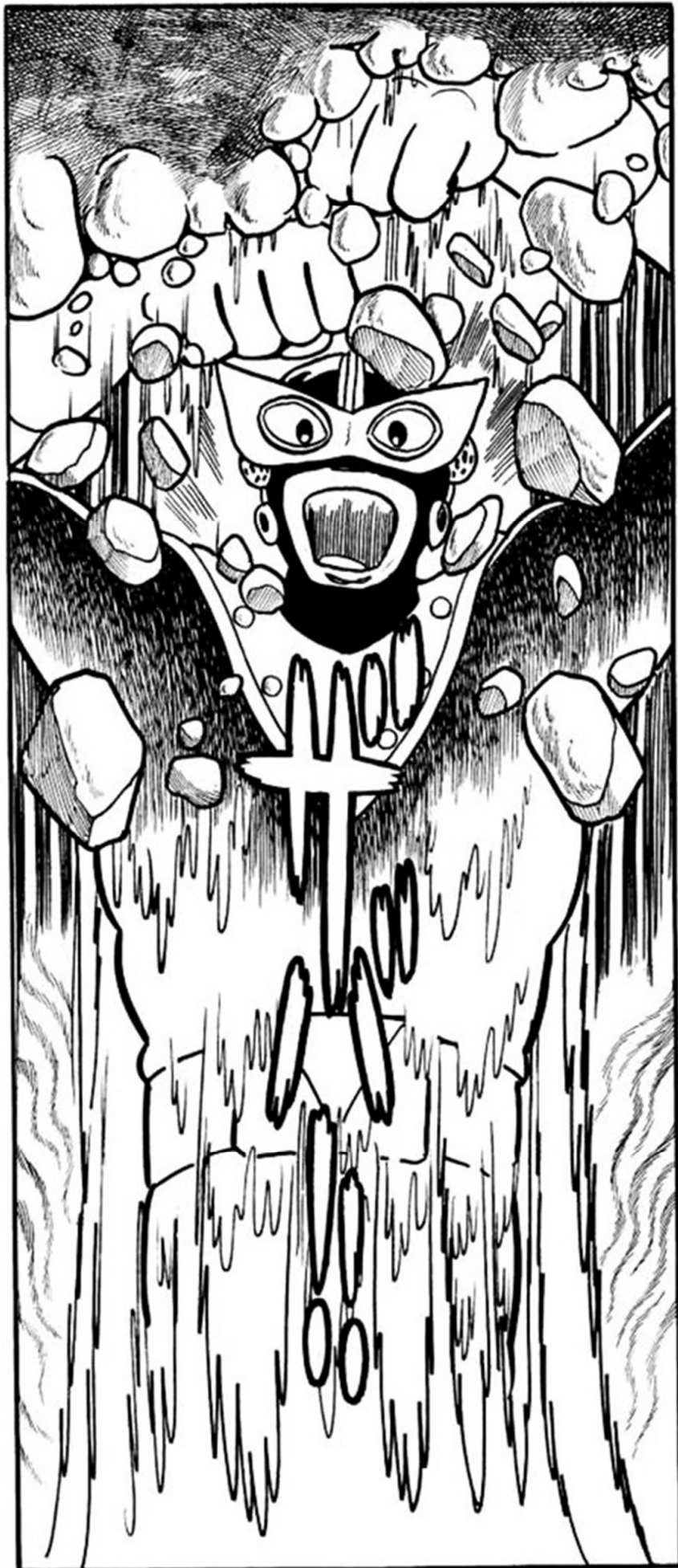
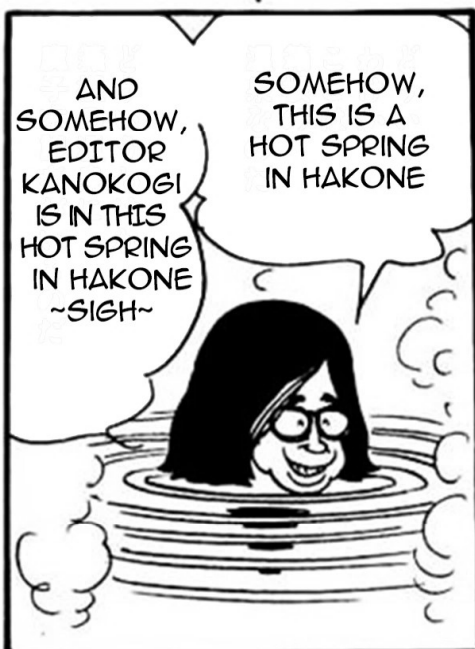
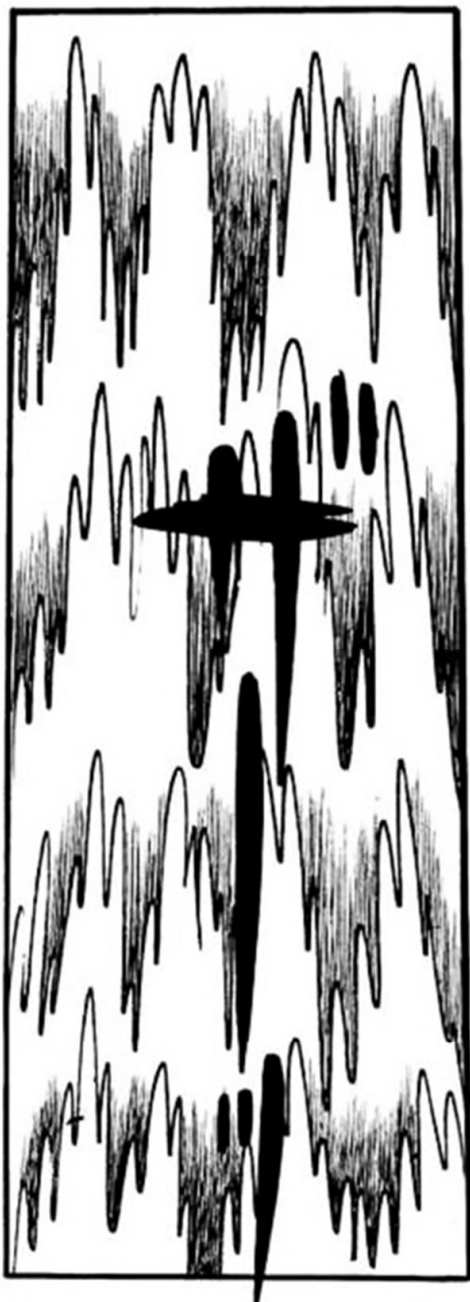
I'M GOING  
TO BURN  
TO ASH



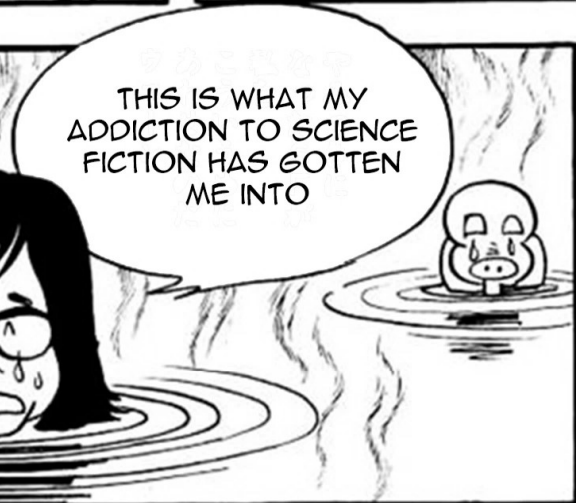
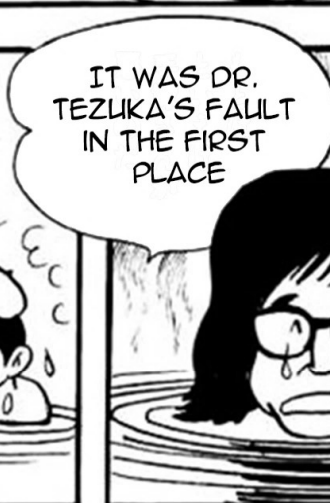
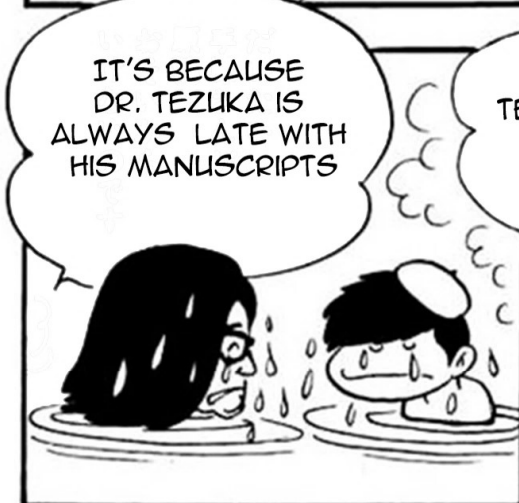
HOW'S  
THAT  
HEAT  
FOR  
YA!

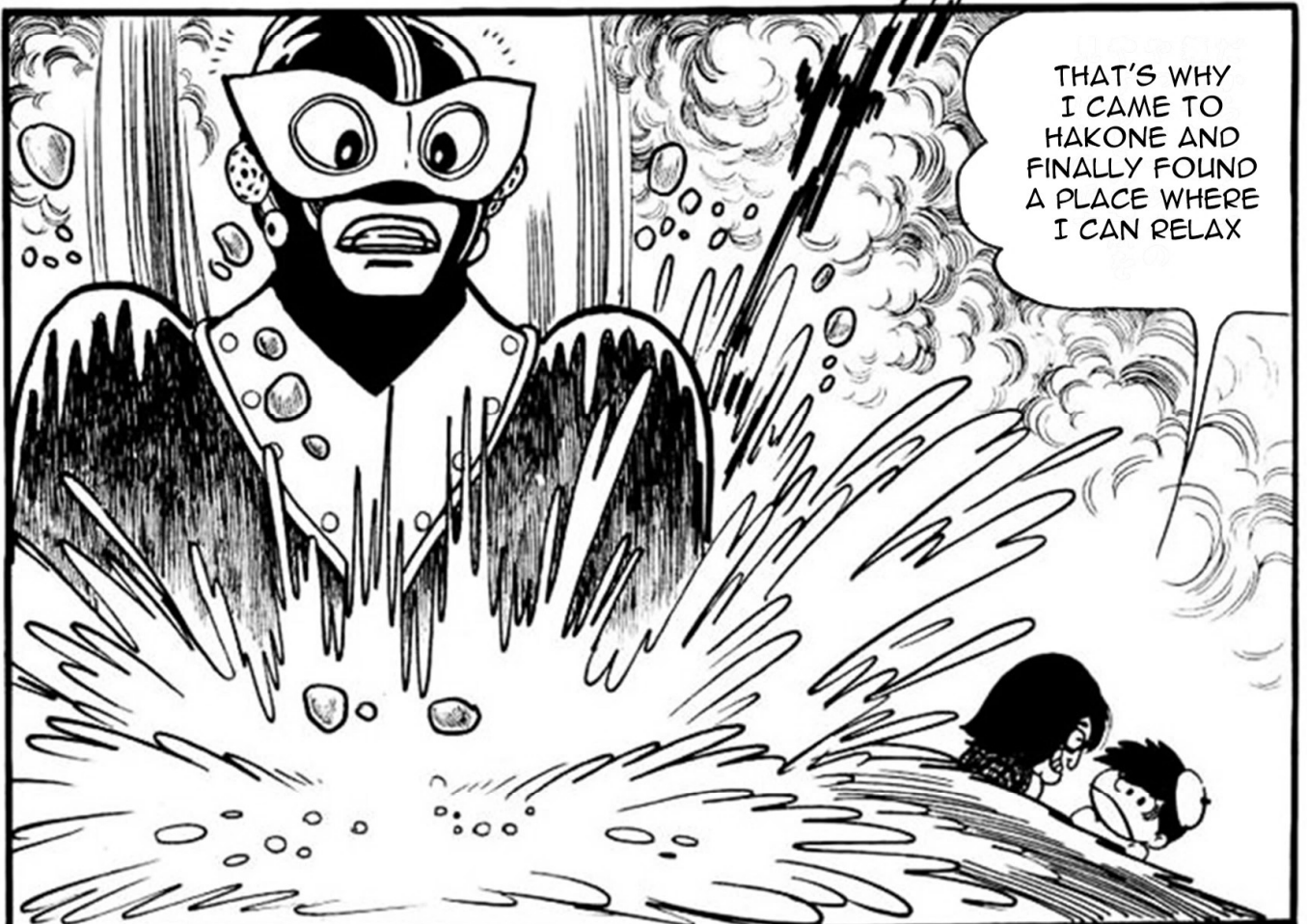
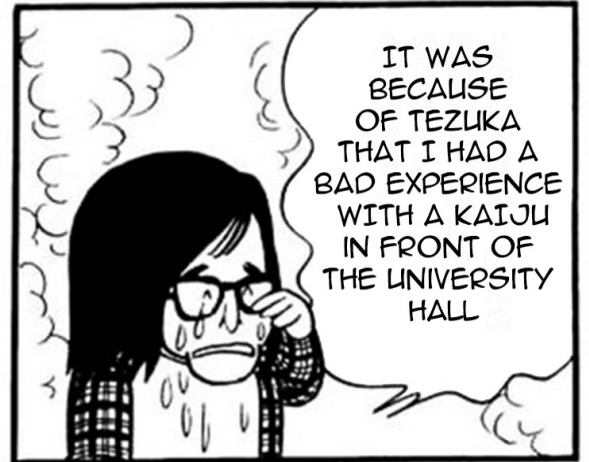
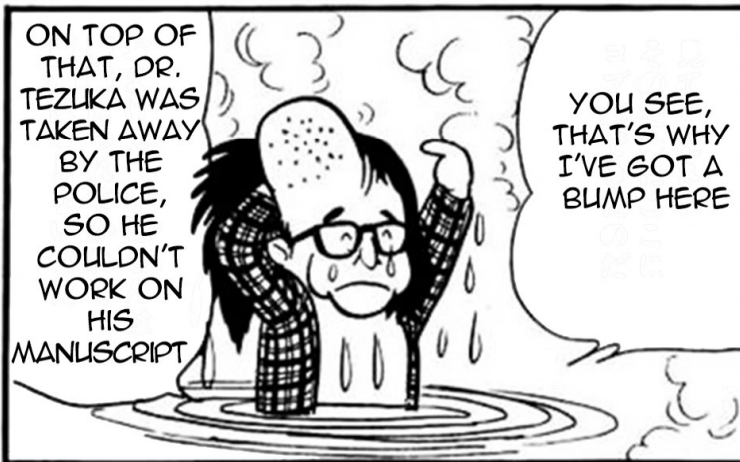
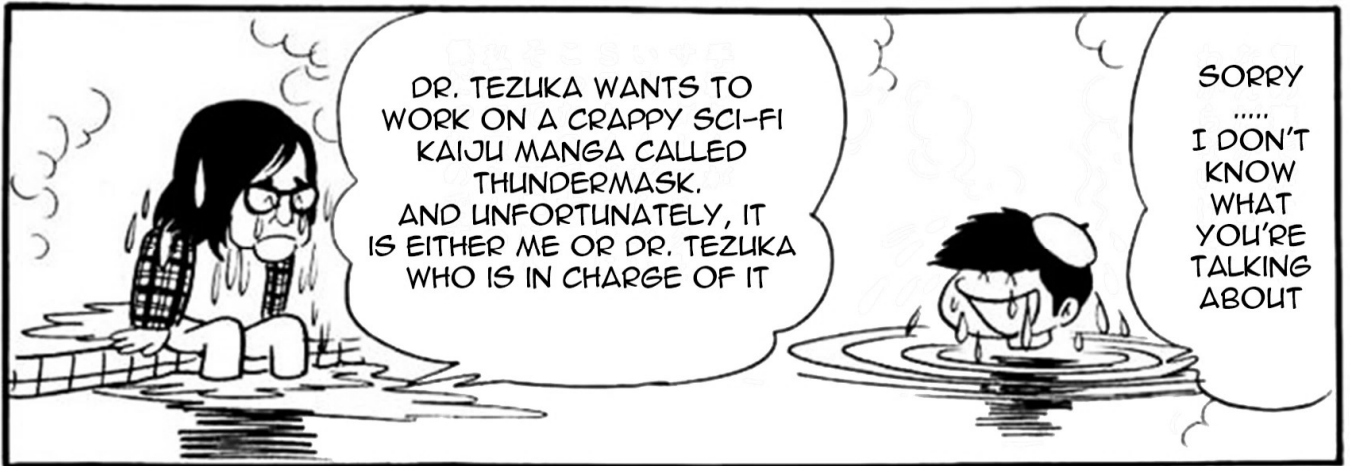


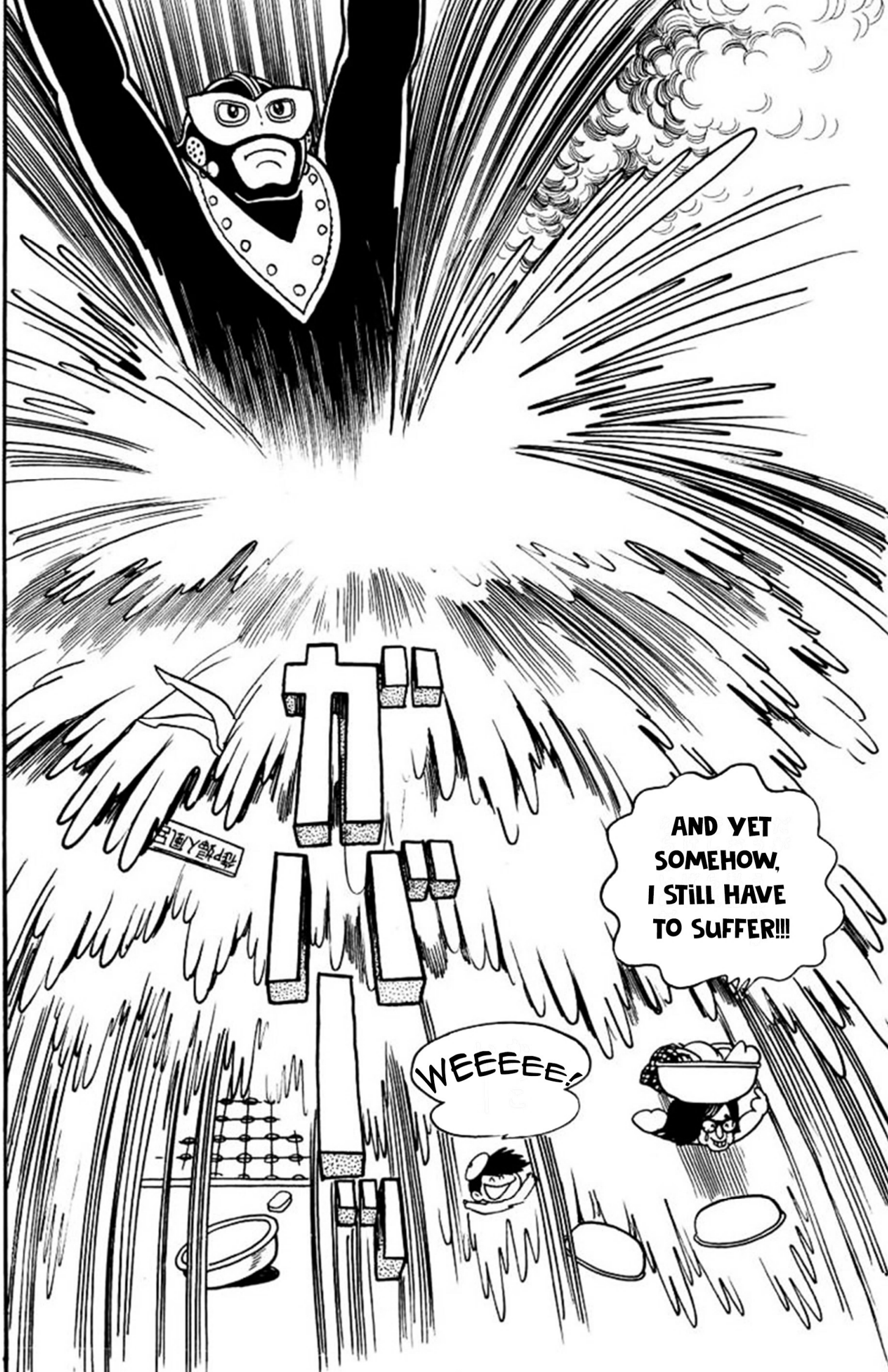
MELT!  
MELT! MELT!  
CARBON-BASED  
ORGANISMS...  
THEY'RE ALL JUST  
KINDLING STICKS









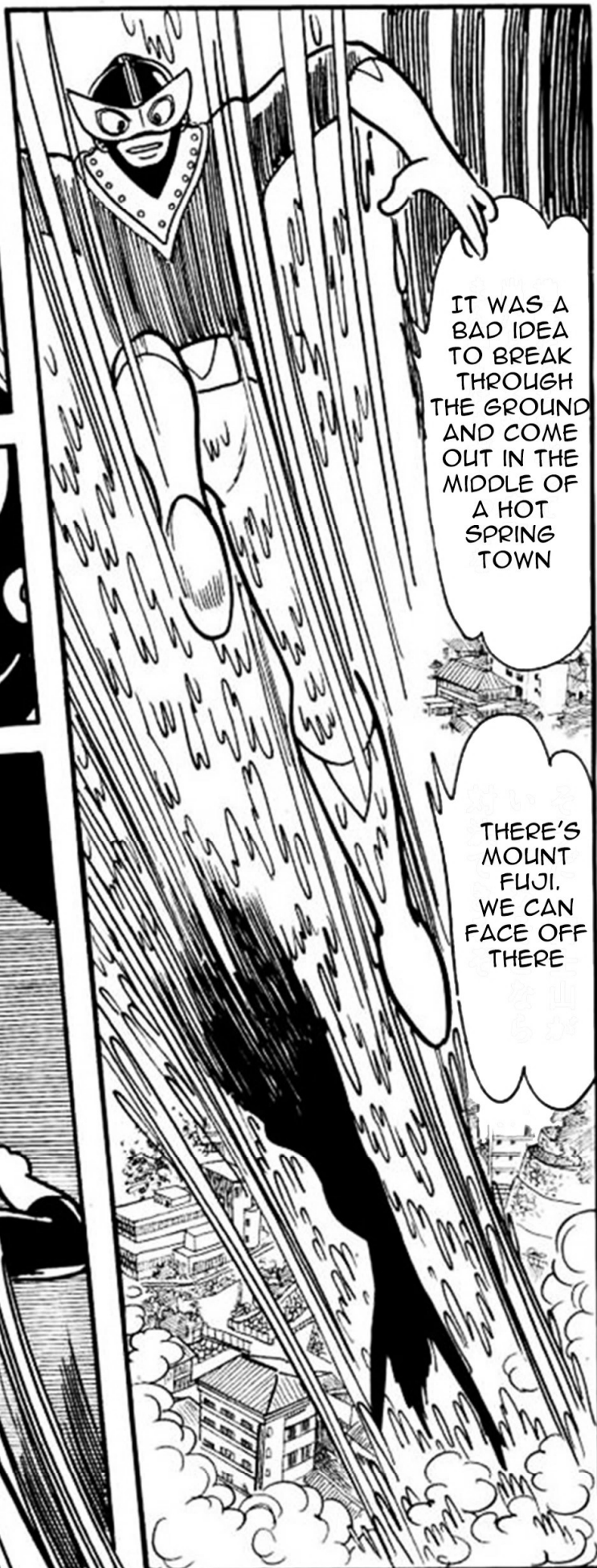
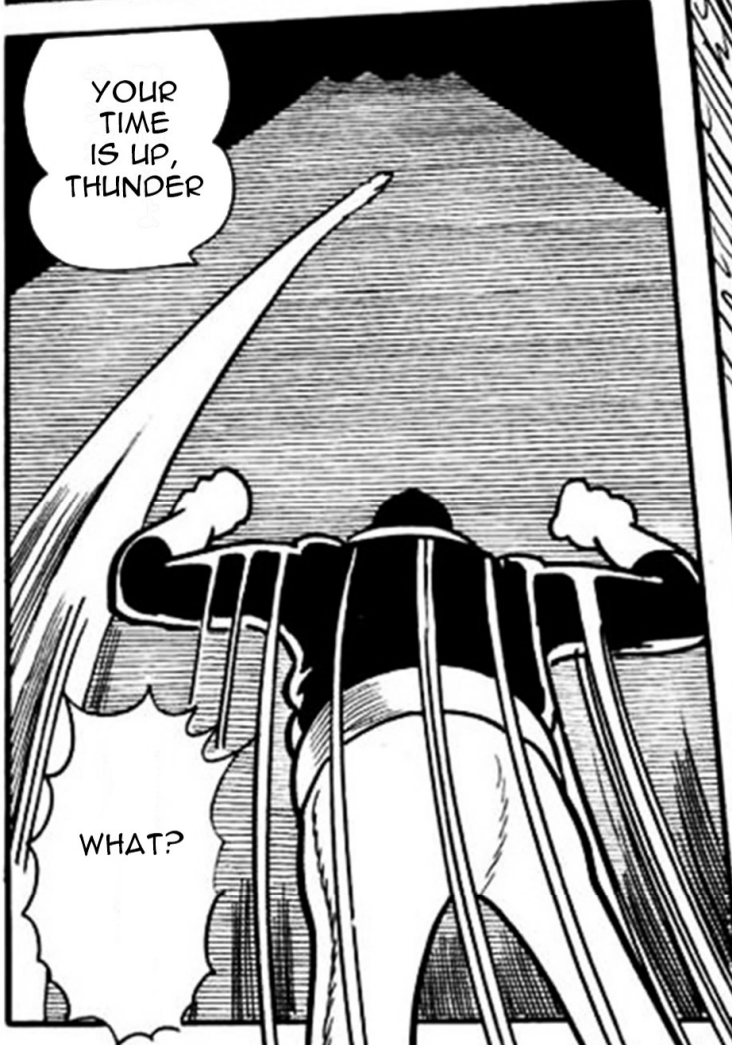
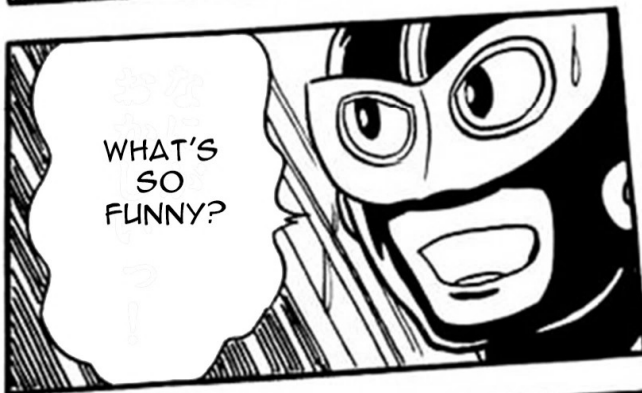


花井人馬

AND YET  
SOMEHOW,  
I STILL HAVE  
TO SUFFER!!!

WEEEEEE!







GO ON!  
IF YOU DON'T  
GET OUT OF  
THAT BODY  
YOU'LL BOTH  
DIE!!



**THUNDER**  
RETURN  
TO HUMAN  
FORM

I'M  
SORRY  
I DIDN'T  
MAKE IT  
...



HA HA  
HA HA HA  
HA AAAA  
HA HA!



I'VE BEEN  
DOING MY  
CALCULATIONS,  
AND I KNOW  
THAT THE  
TIME LIMIT ON  
BODY YOU'RE  
USING IS ABOUT  
TO EXPIRE

IF YOU'RE NOT  
OUT OF THAT  
BODY IN TEN  
MINUTES, THAT'S  
THE LAST OF IT,  
RIGHT?  
YOUR MOLECULES  
AND THE TISSUE  
OF THE  
EARTHLY BODY... HE'S  
GOING TO  
REJECT IT  
AND EXPLODE,  
AREN'T YOU?

HE HE  
I KNOW  
ALL ABOUT  
IT

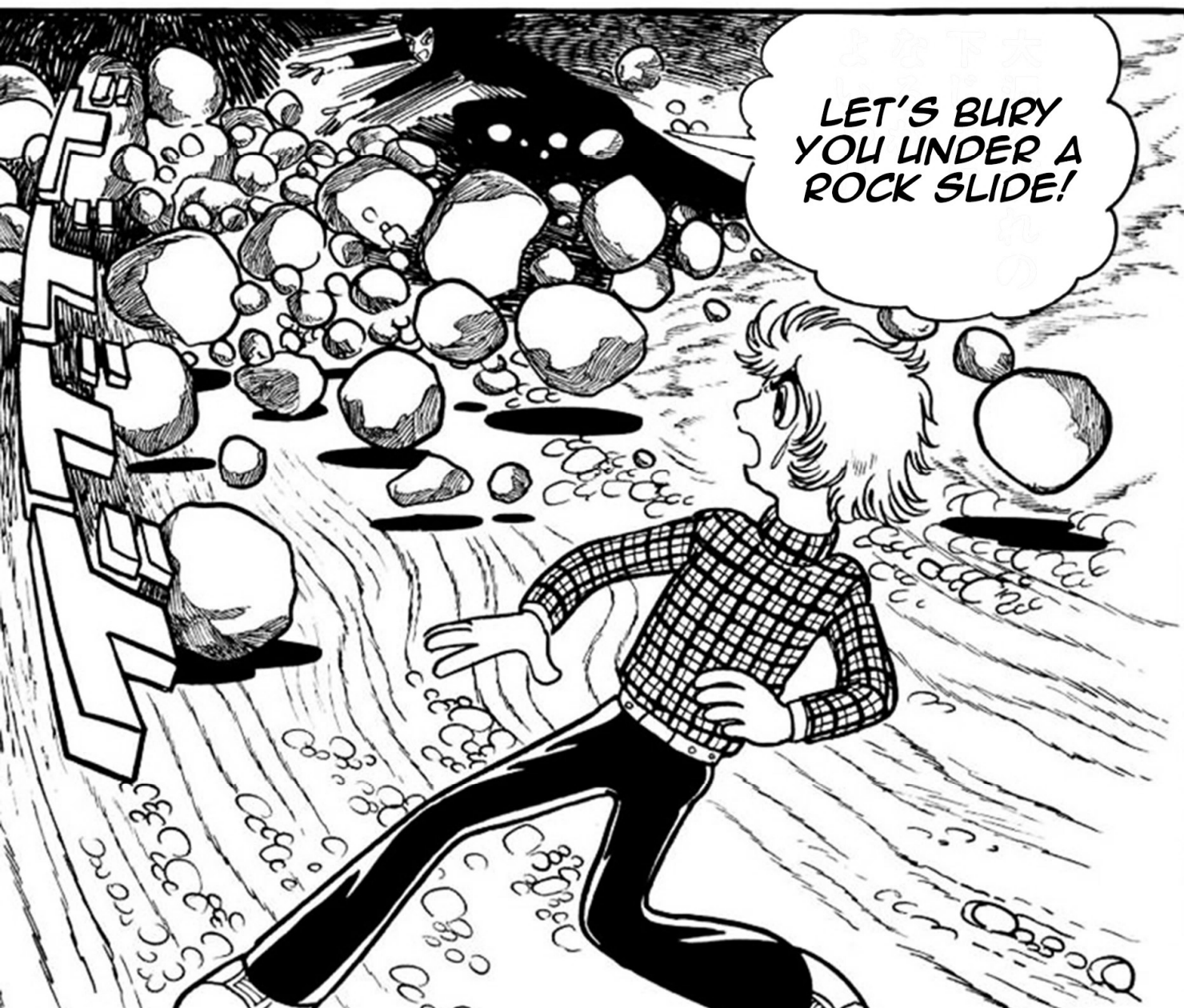
DAMN IT!



IT DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHERE YOU  
ARE, YOUR  
FATE IS  
STILL SEALED



WHO ARE  
YOU...  
AND  
WHERE  
AM I?







**THUNDER!!**

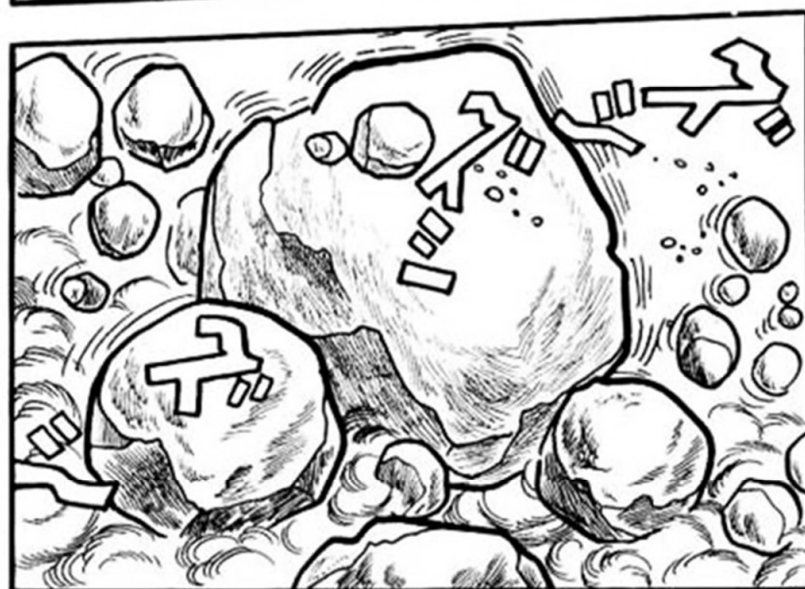
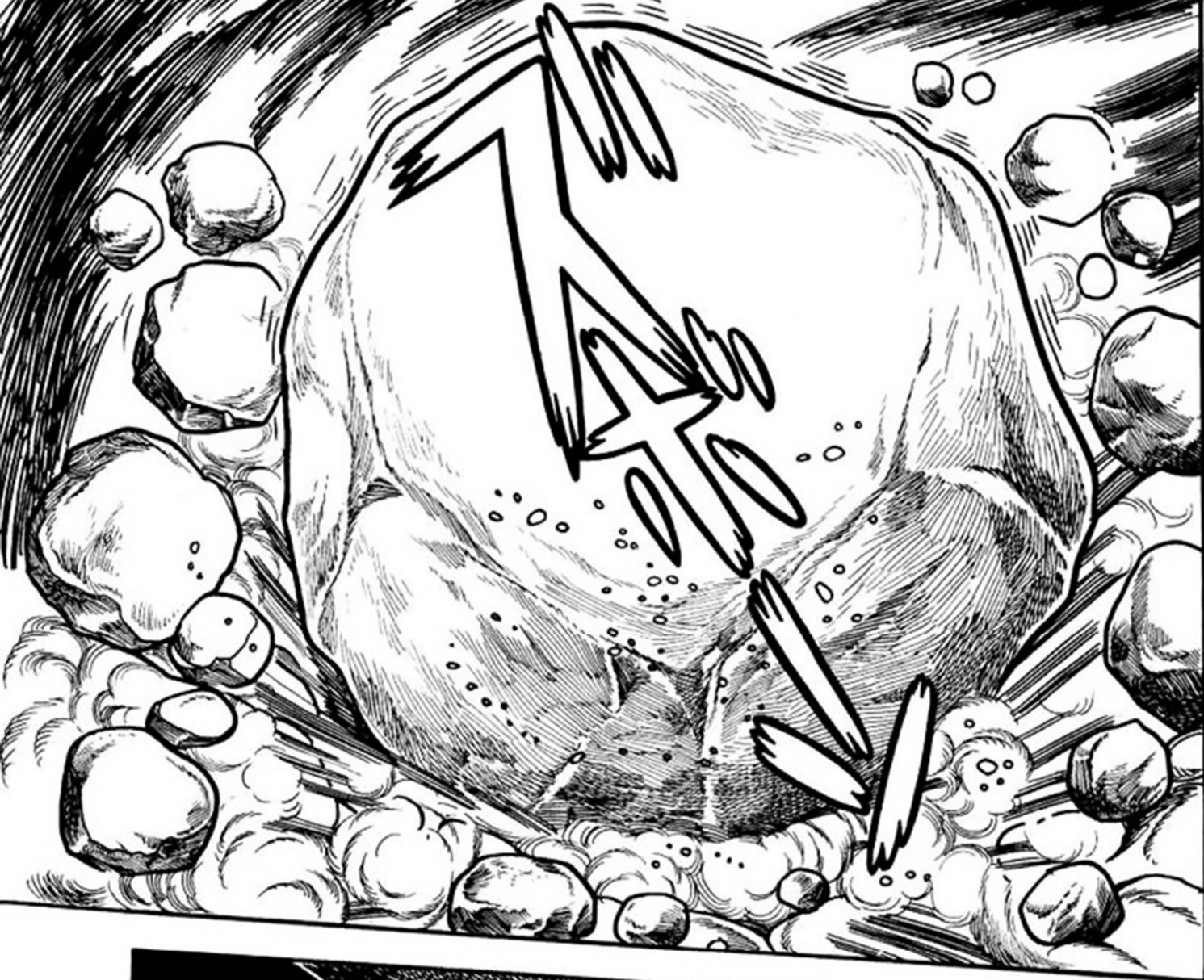
**THUNDER!!**  
GIVE ME YOUR  
POWER...  
WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH YOU?

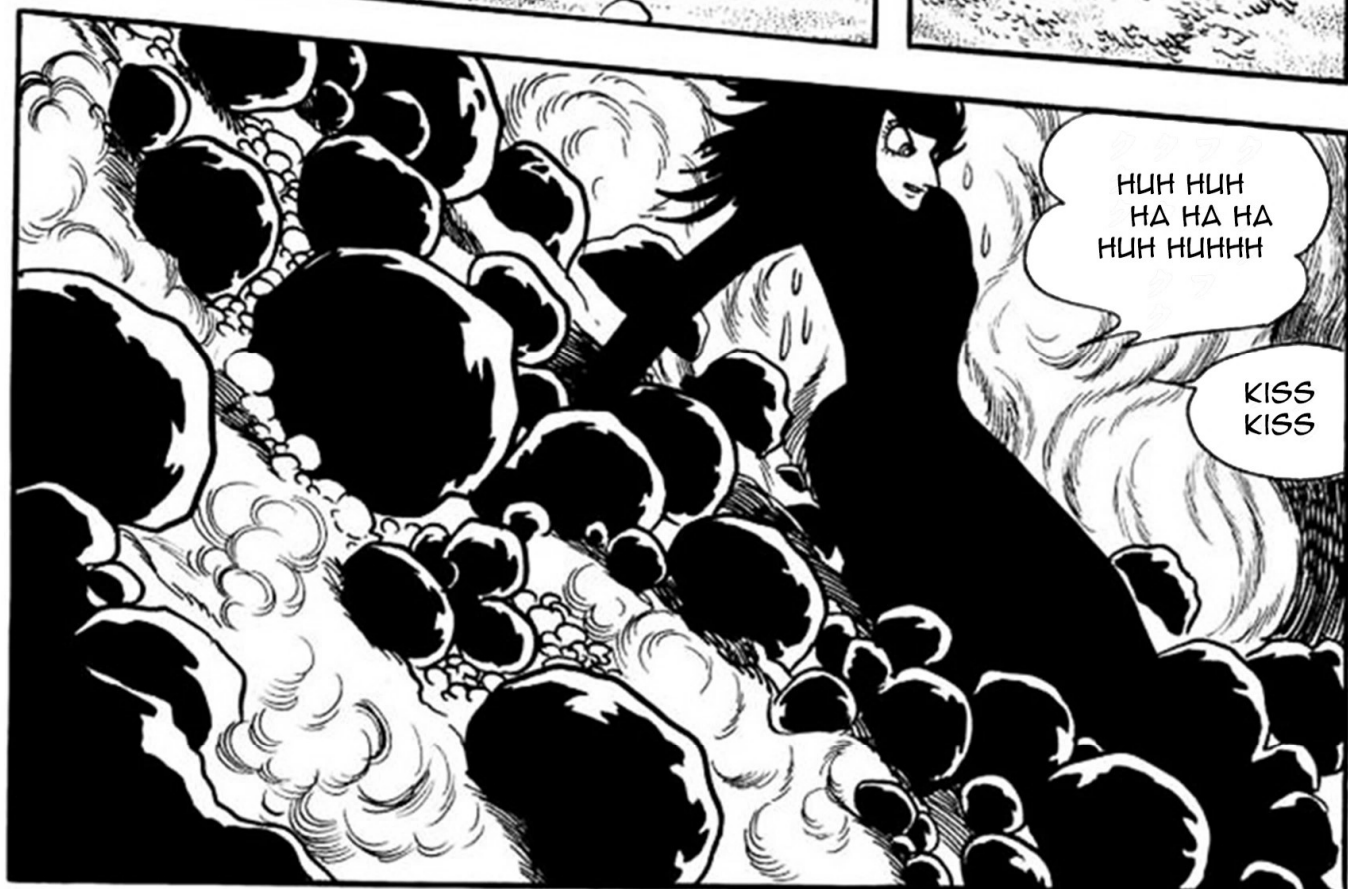
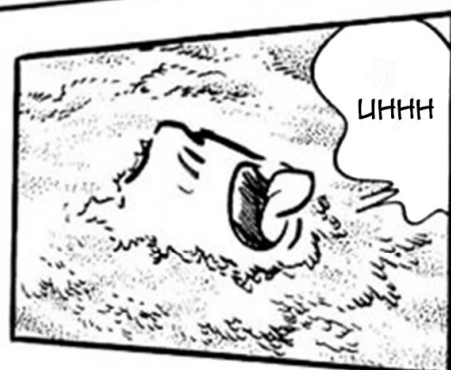
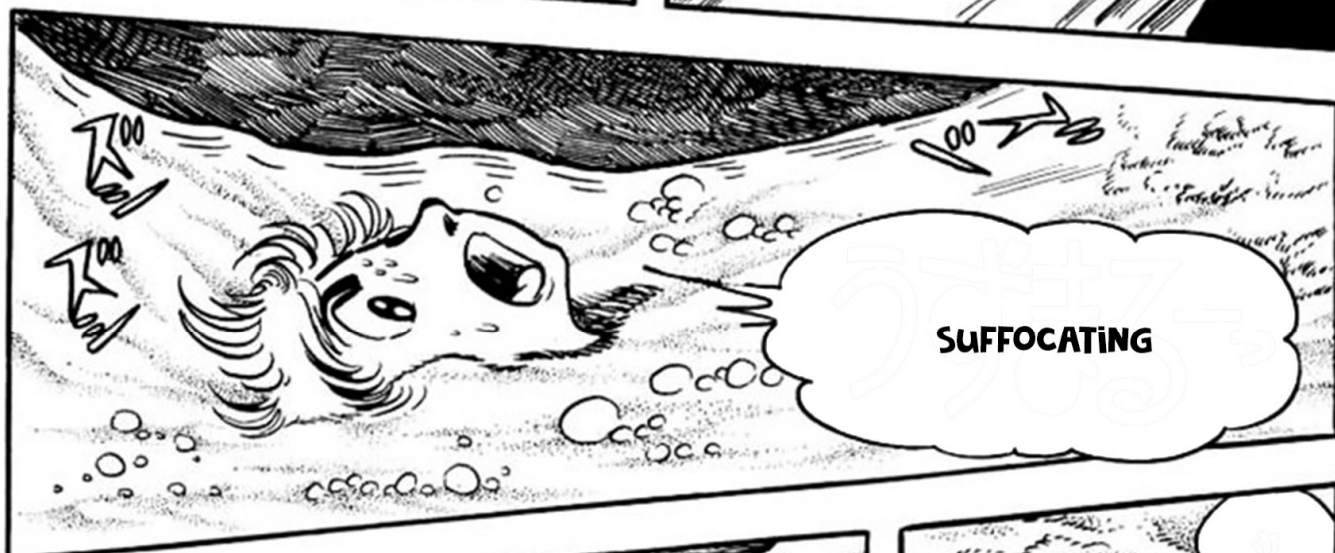














I HAVE  
ARRIVED ON  
THIS PLANET  
FROM THE  
INFINITE DEPTHS  
OF SPACE,  
AND I'VE  
DECIDED TO  
MAKE IT MY  
HOME!

ALL  
LIFE ON  
EARTH,  
HEAR ME!  
I AM  
DEKANDER

**WAHHH**  
**HA HA**  
**HA**  
**HA HA**  
**HAAAAA**

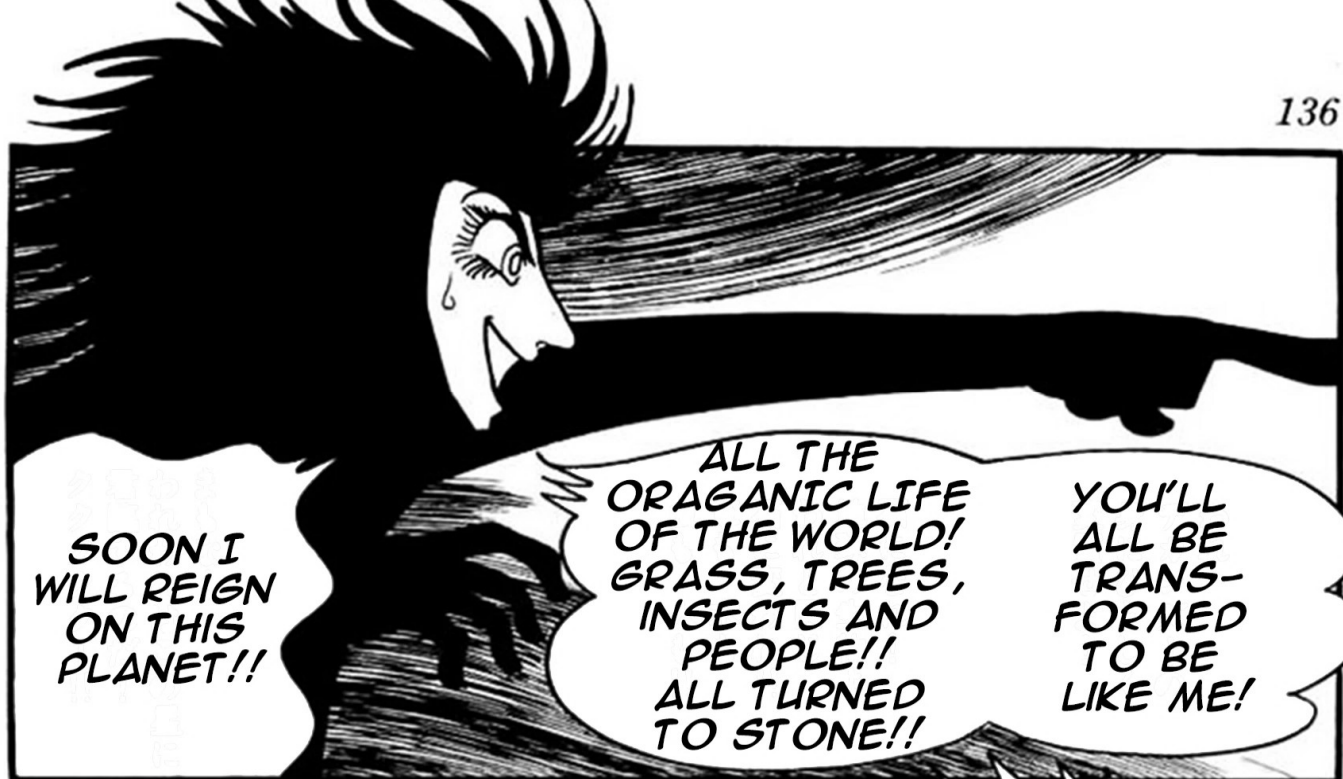
THAT  
WILL  
CHANGE!

CREATURES  
OF THE EARTH  
BREATHE  
OXYGEN,  
DRINK WATER,  
AND EAT  
ORGANIC  
MATTER!

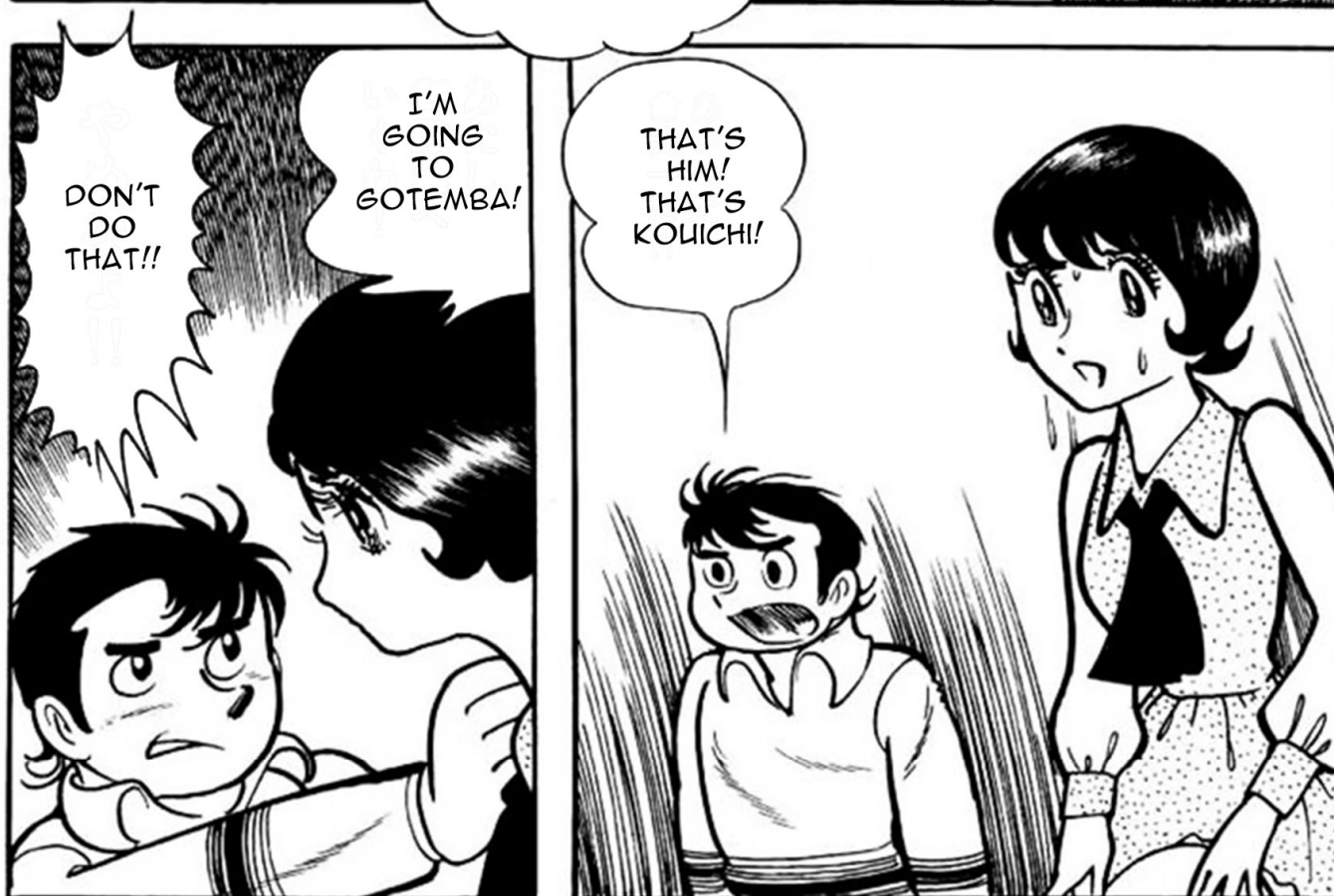
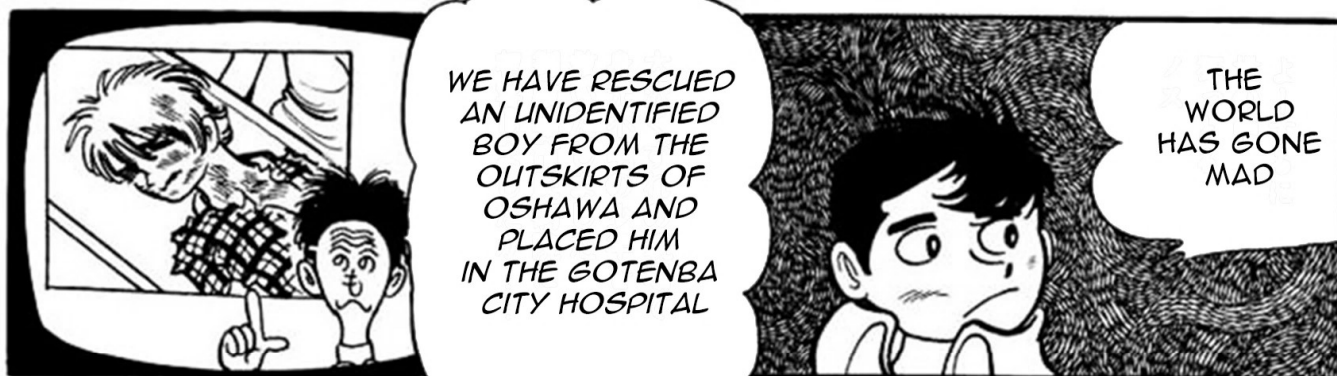
I BREATHE THE  
FUMES, DRINK  
THE METHANE,  
AND EAT  
AMMONIA

THIS BODY  
IS BORN  
FROM THE  
ROCKS OF  
THIS WORLD

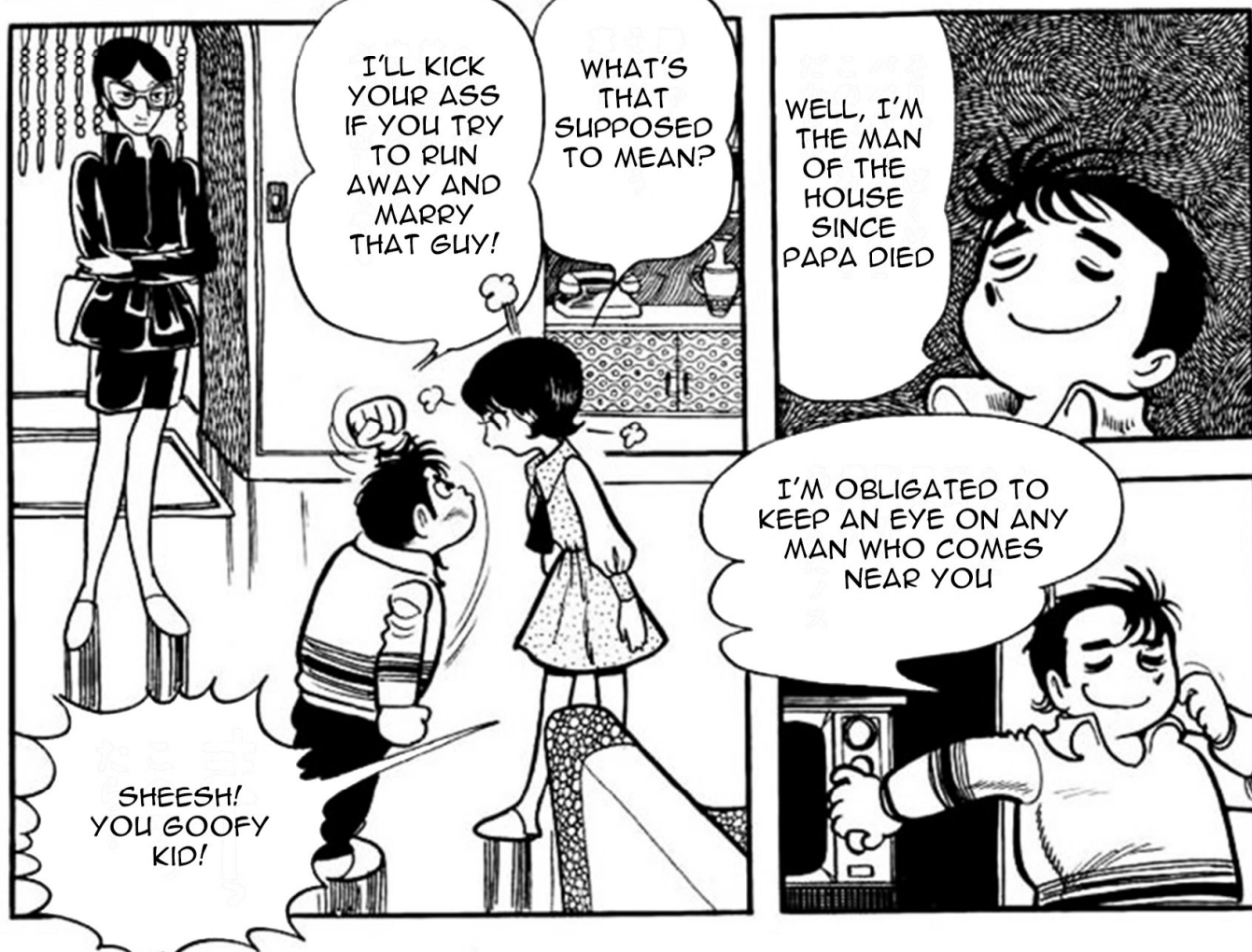
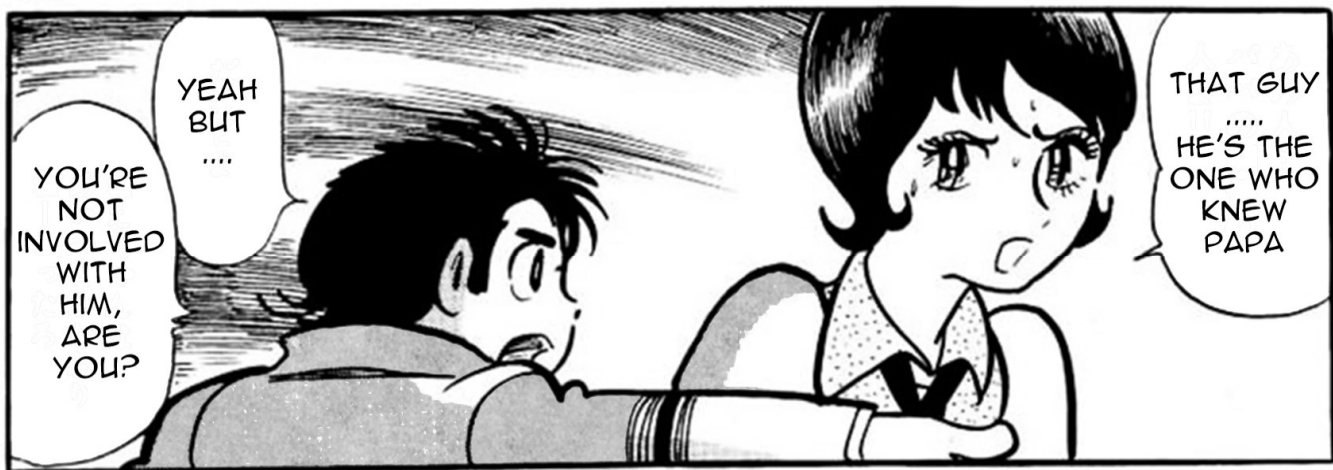


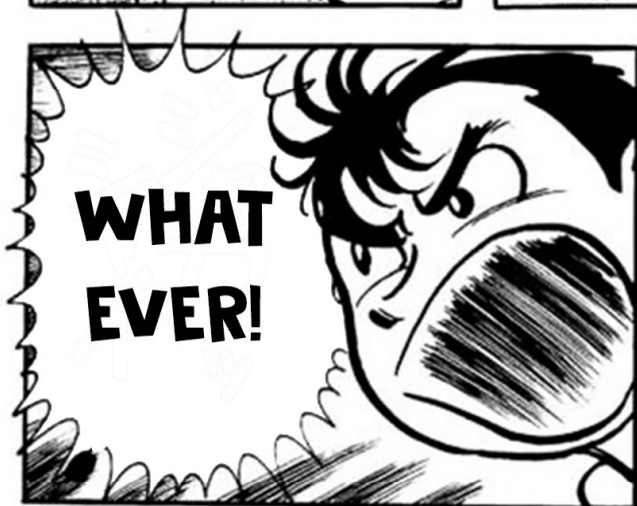
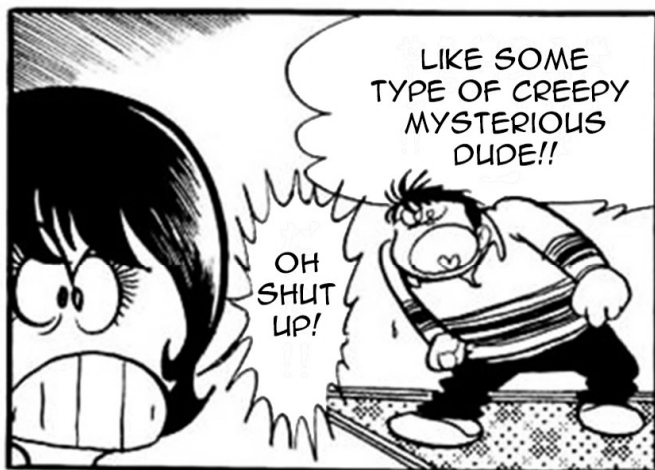


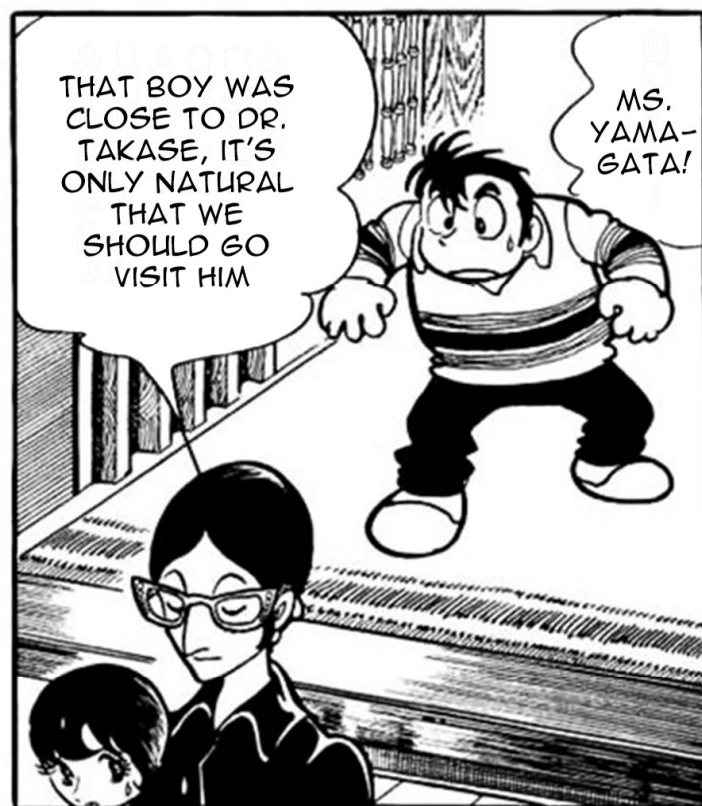
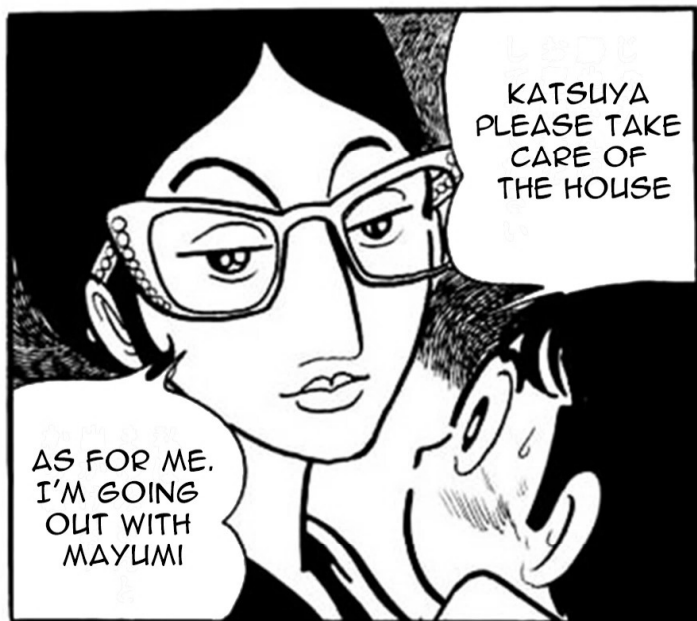
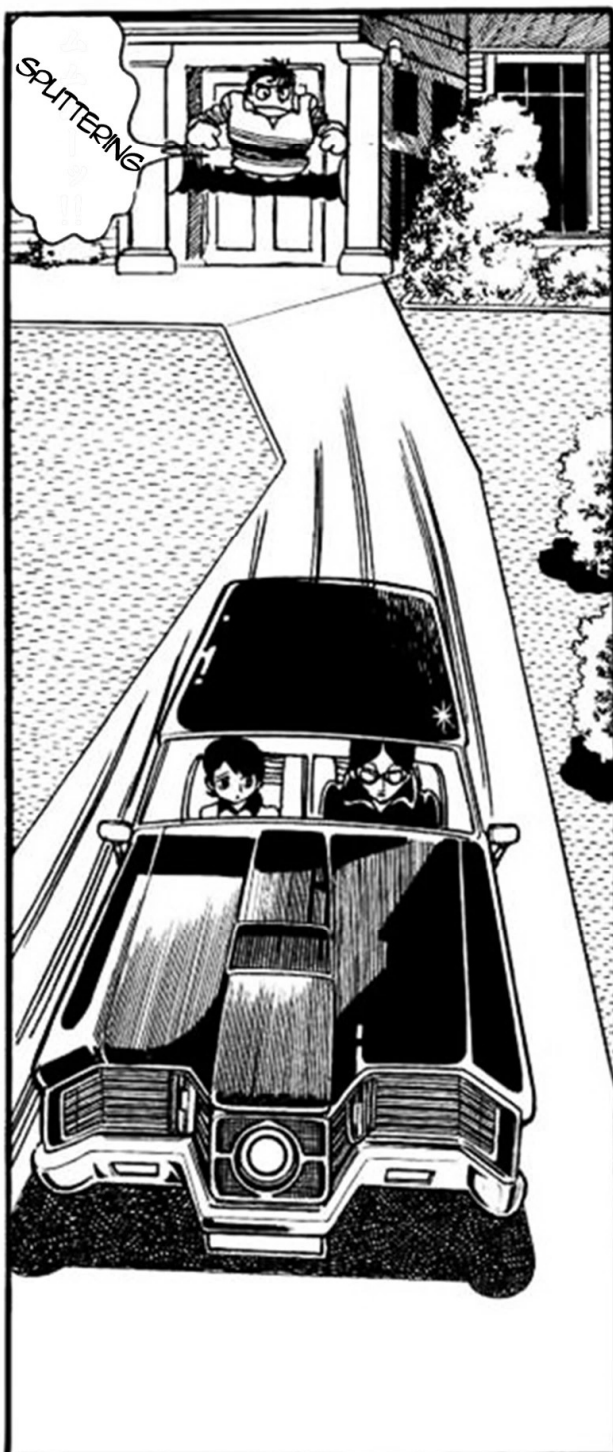
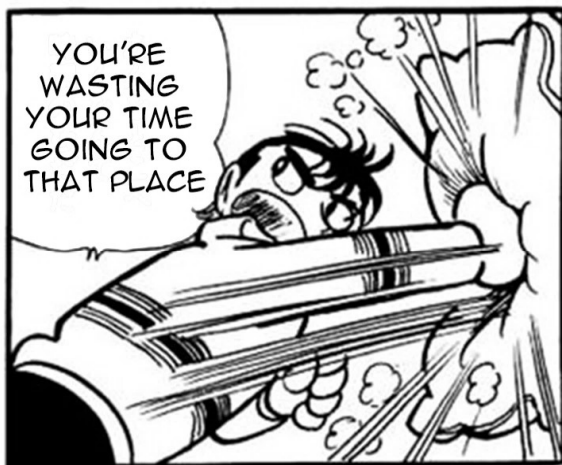




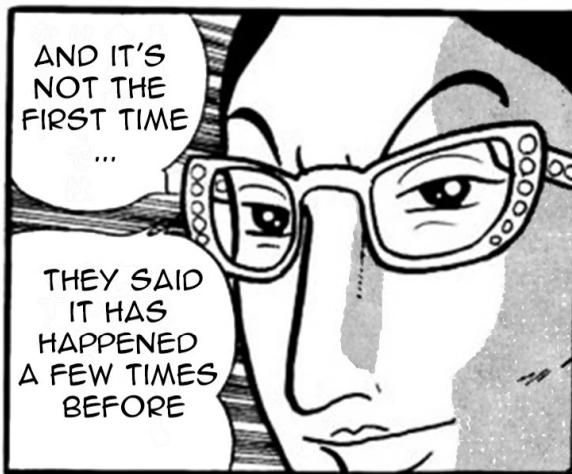






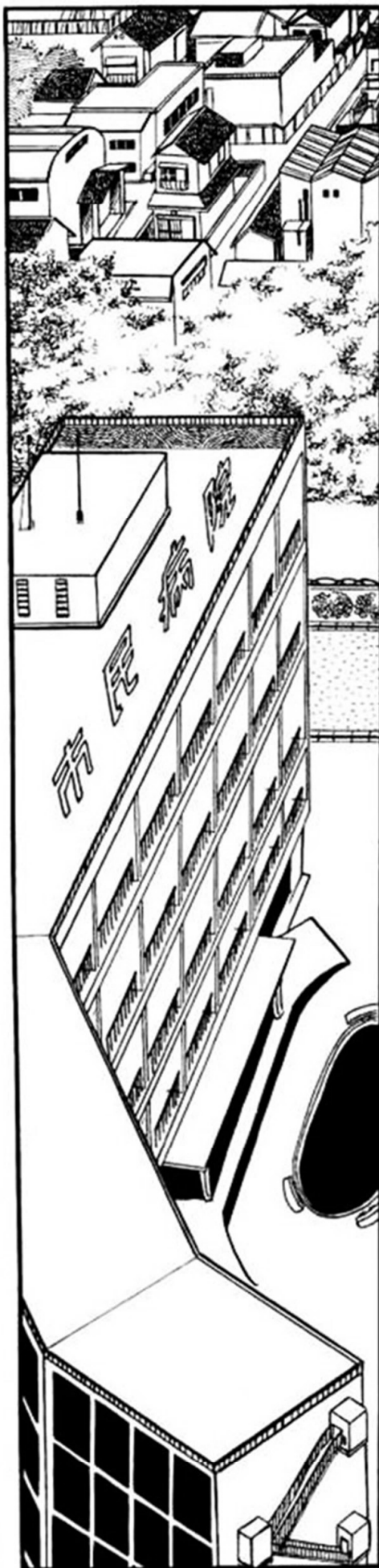
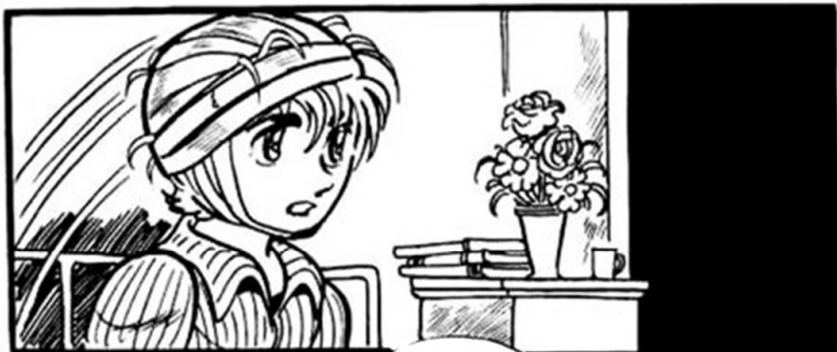




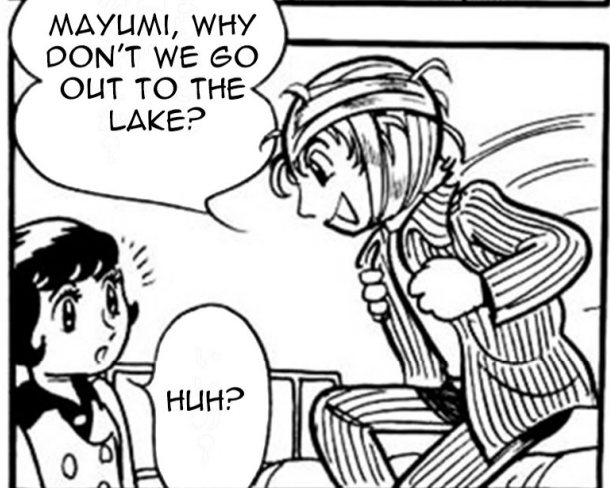
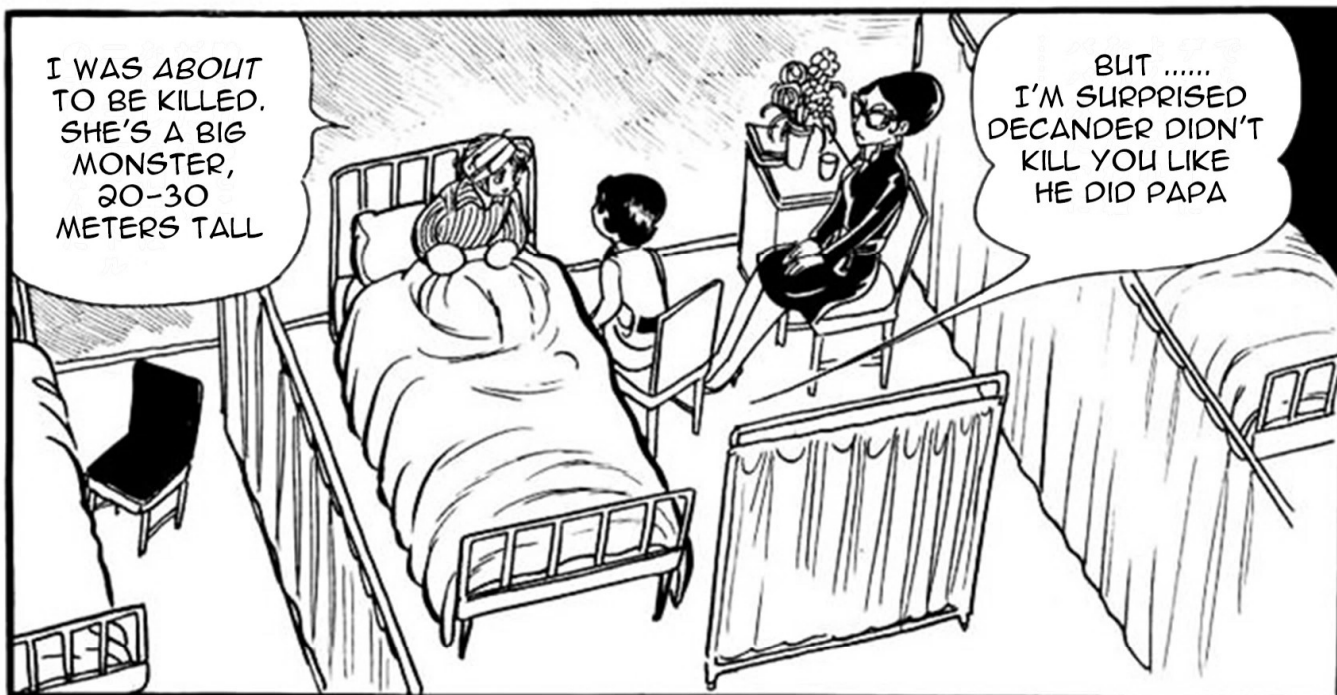


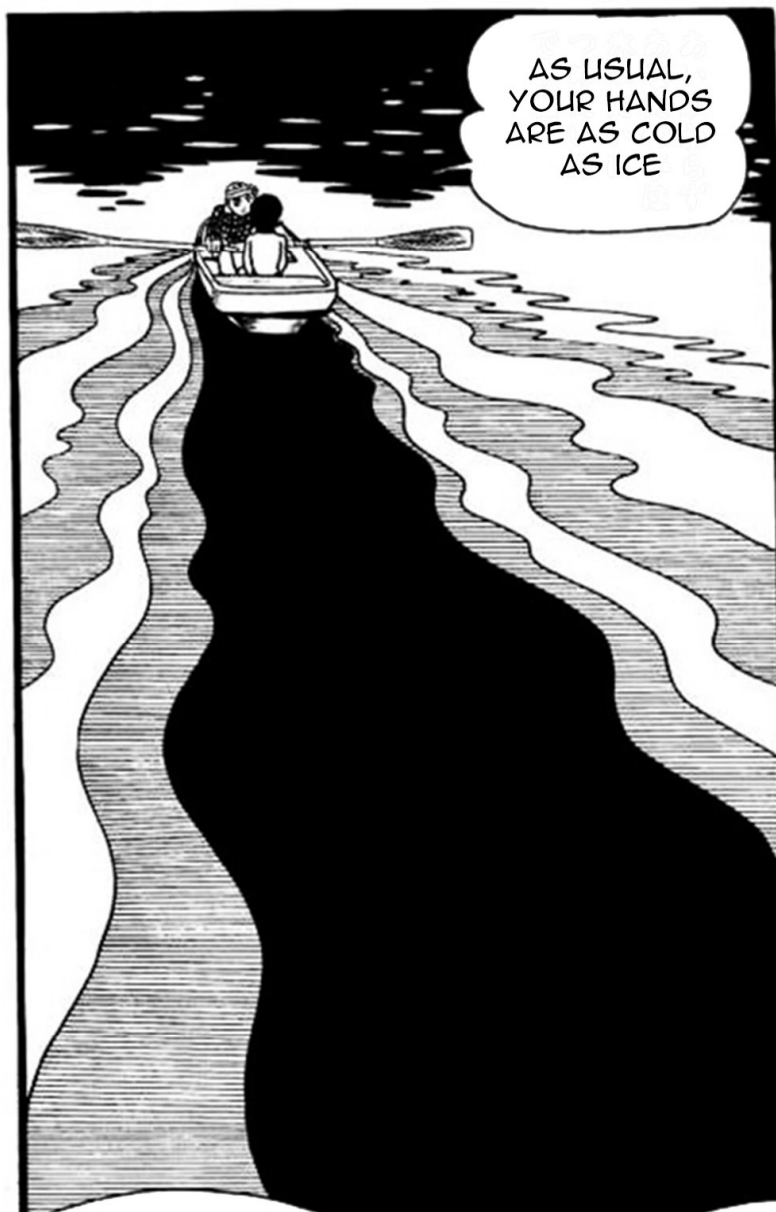
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OMICRON









AS USUAL,  
YOUR HANDS  
ARE AS COLD  
AS ICE



ALL RIGHT.  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
I'D REALLY  
LIKE YOU  
TO HEAR  
IN PRIVATE

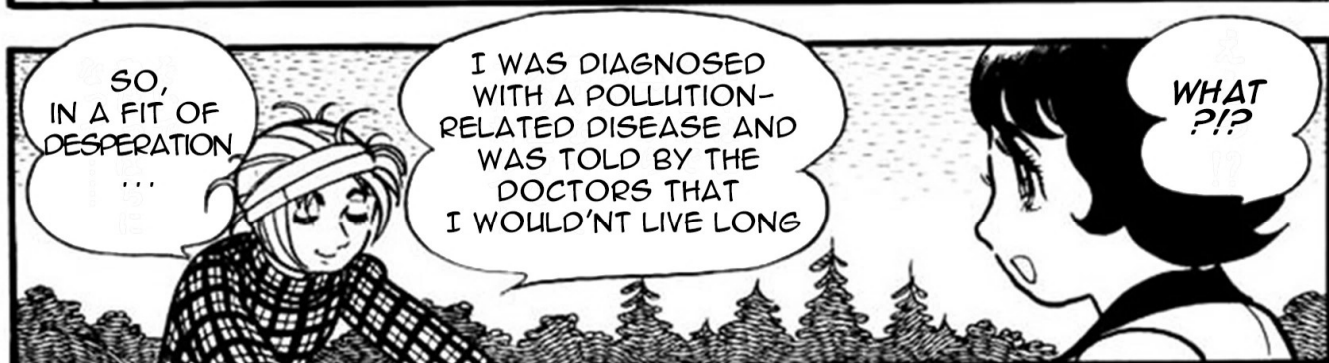


I'VE  
ONLY GOT  
A FEW DAYS  
LEFT TO LIVE  
ANYWAY

HEH

IF YOU PUSH  
YOURSELF TOO  
HARD, YOU'LL  
RUIN YOUR  
BODY

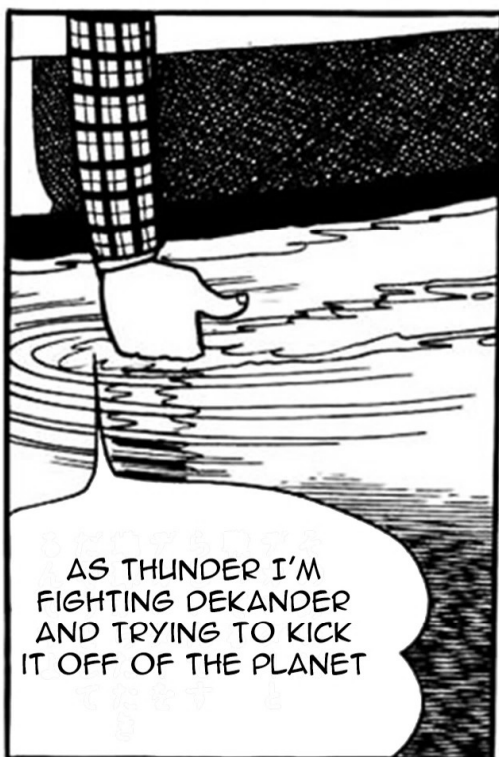
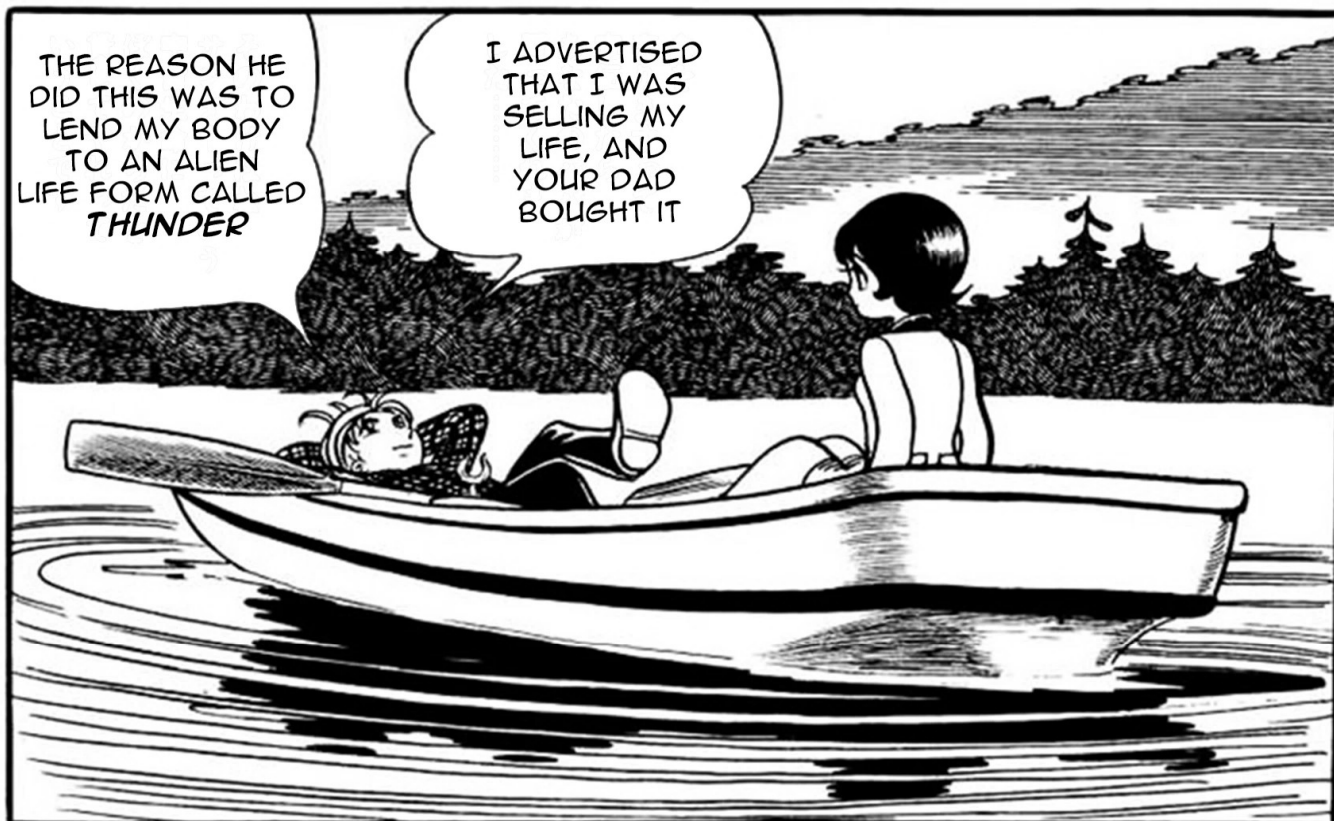
ARE  
YOU SURE  
YOU'RE  
OKAY?



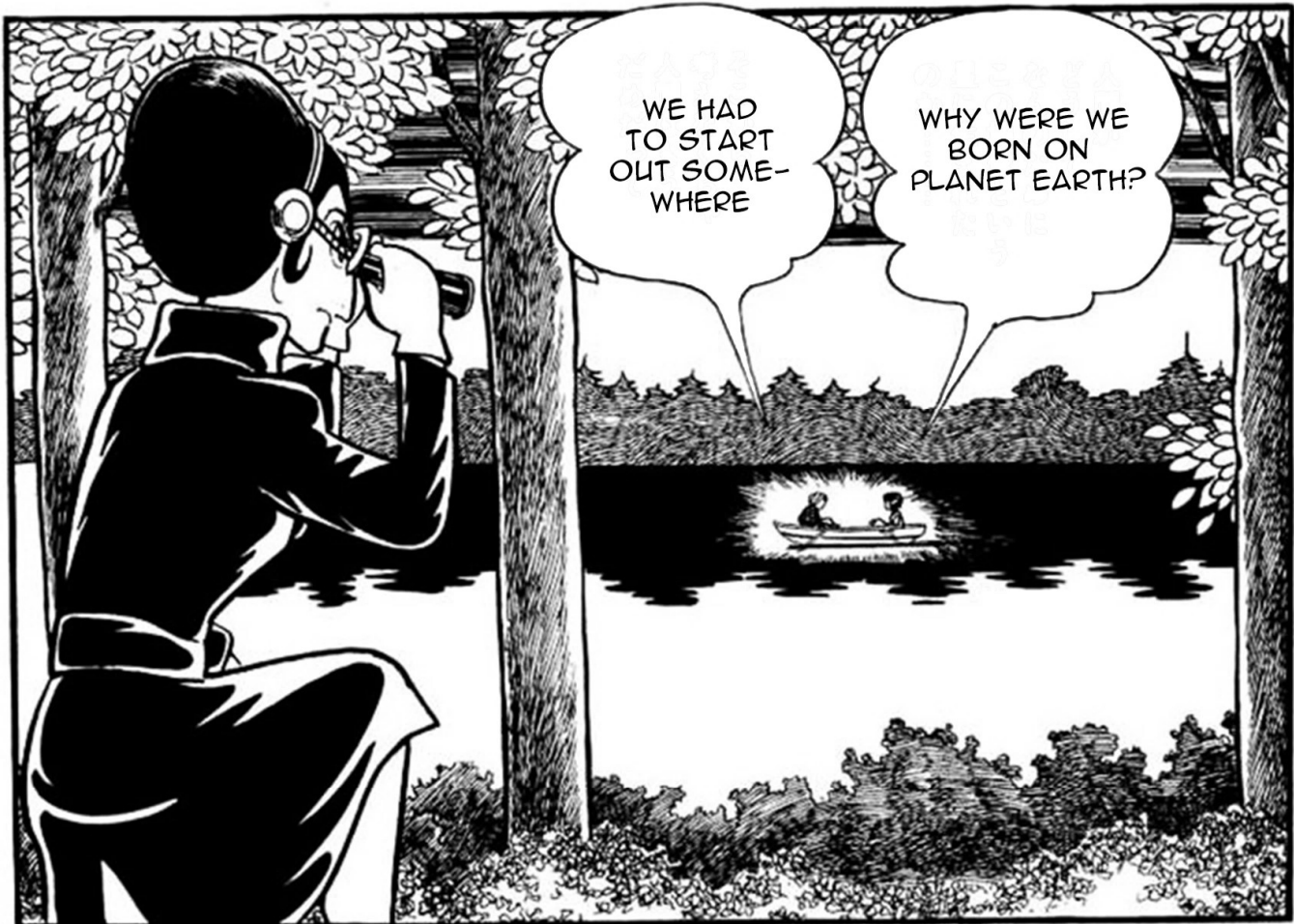
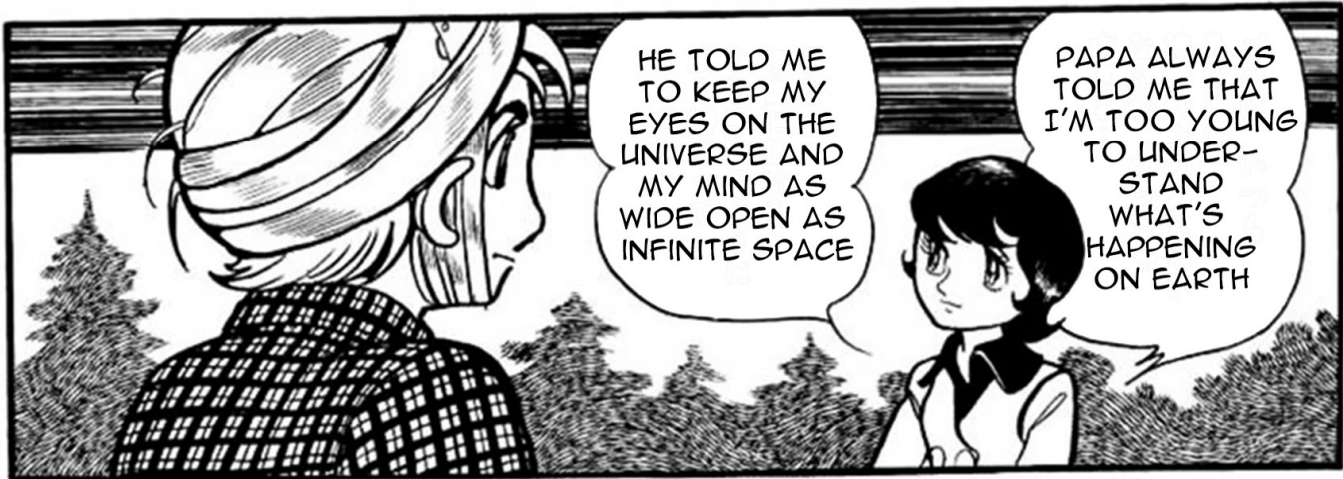
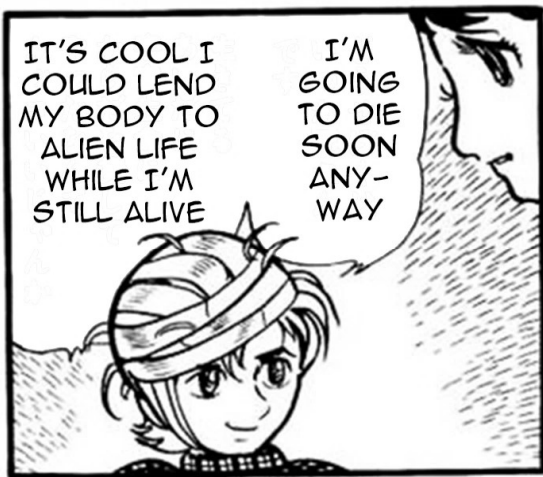
SO,  
IN A FIT OF  
DESPERATION  
...

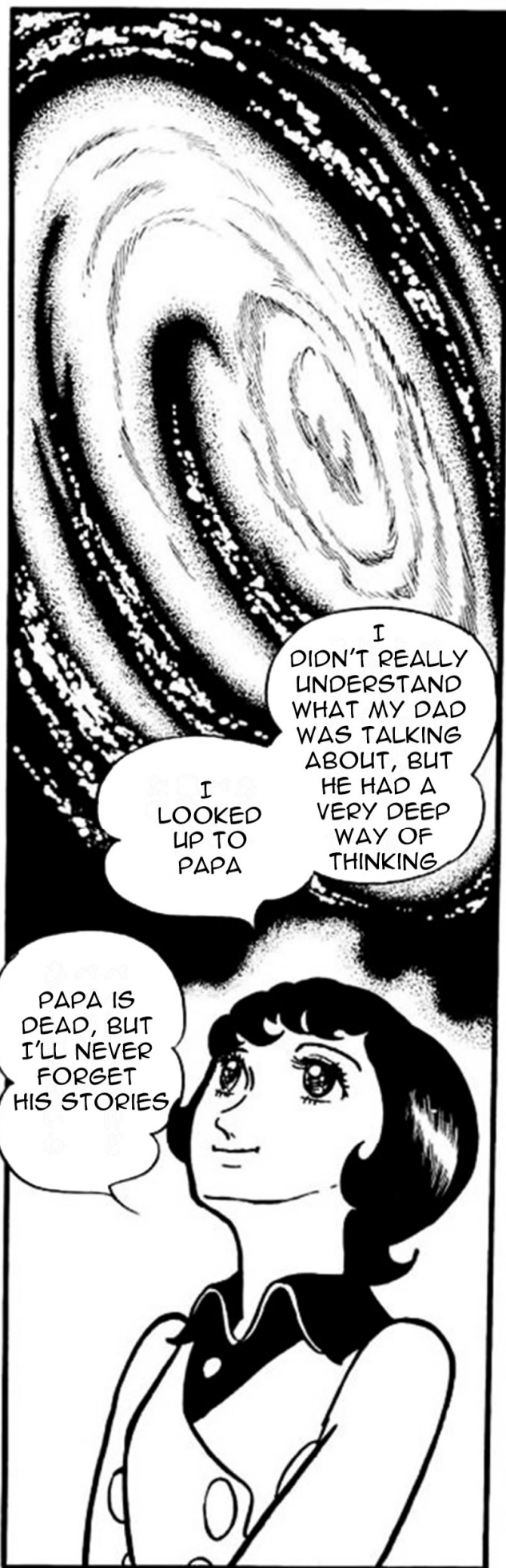
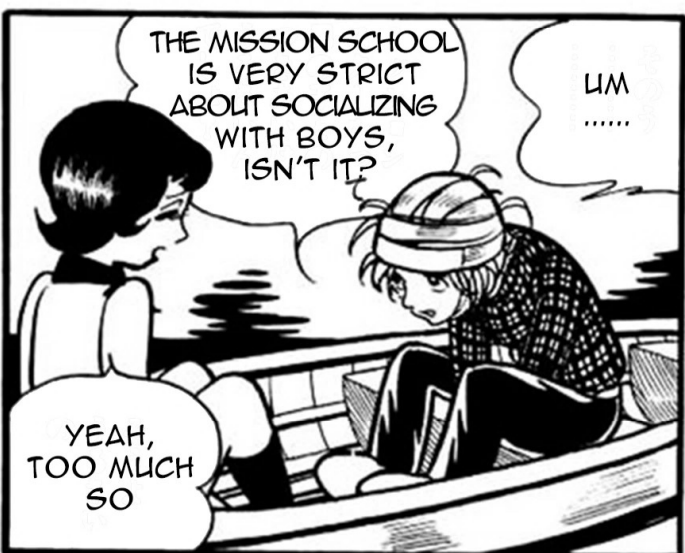
I WAS DIAGNOSED  
WITH A POLLUTION-  
RELATED DISEASE AND  
WAS TOLD BY THE  
DOCTORS THAT  
I WOULDN'T LIVE LONG

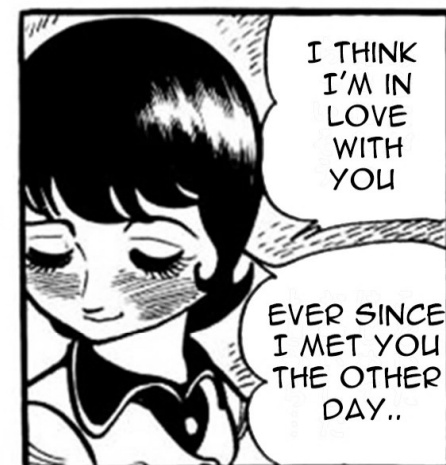
WHAT  
?!?



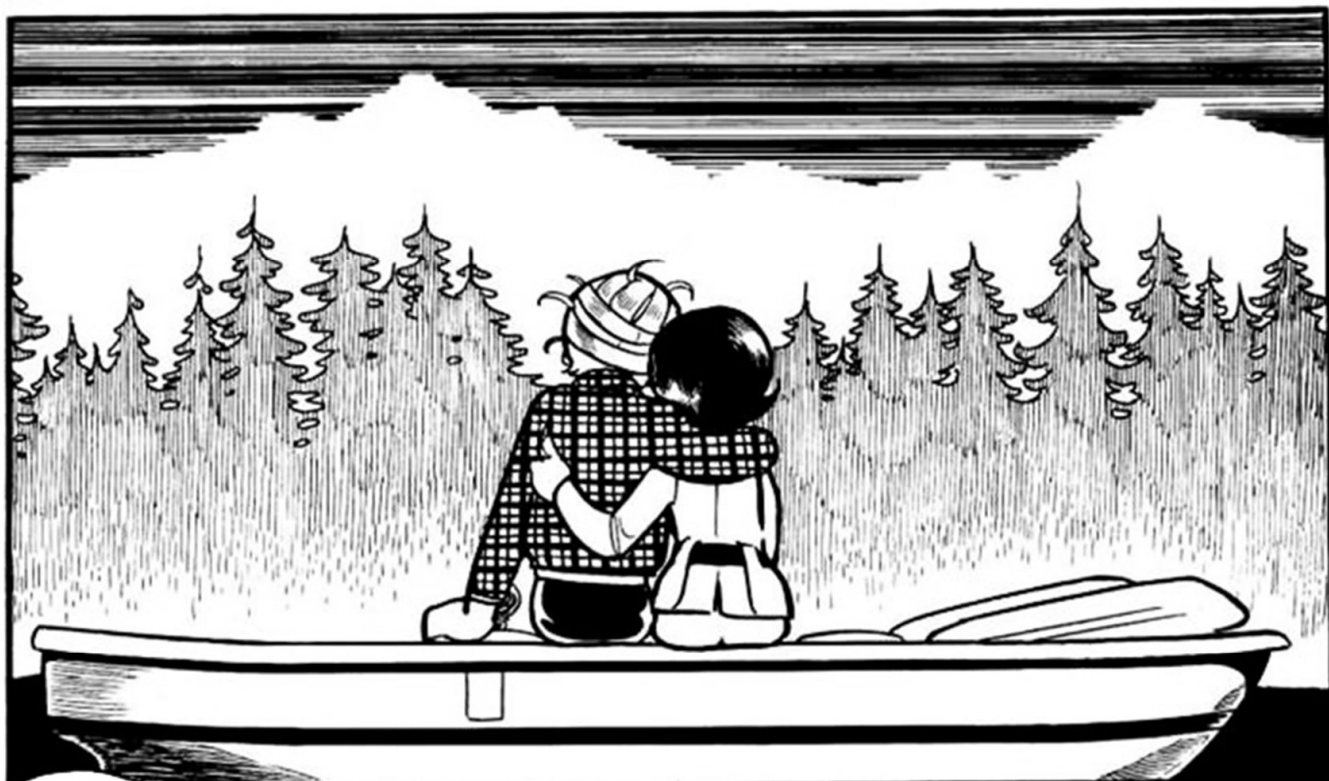






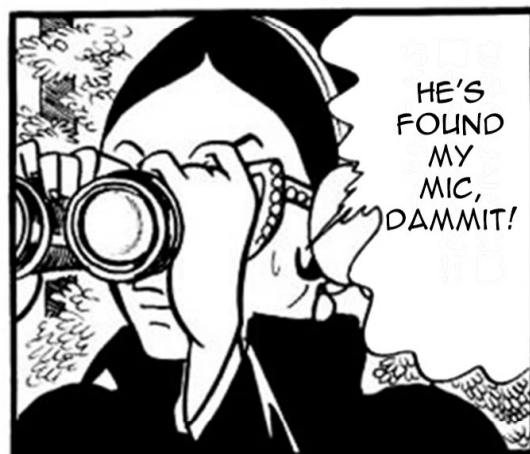
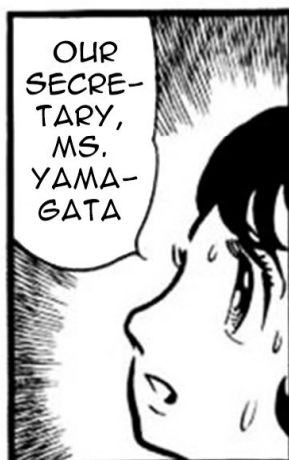
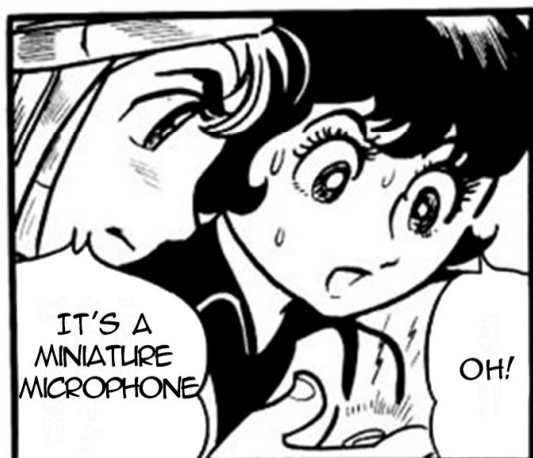


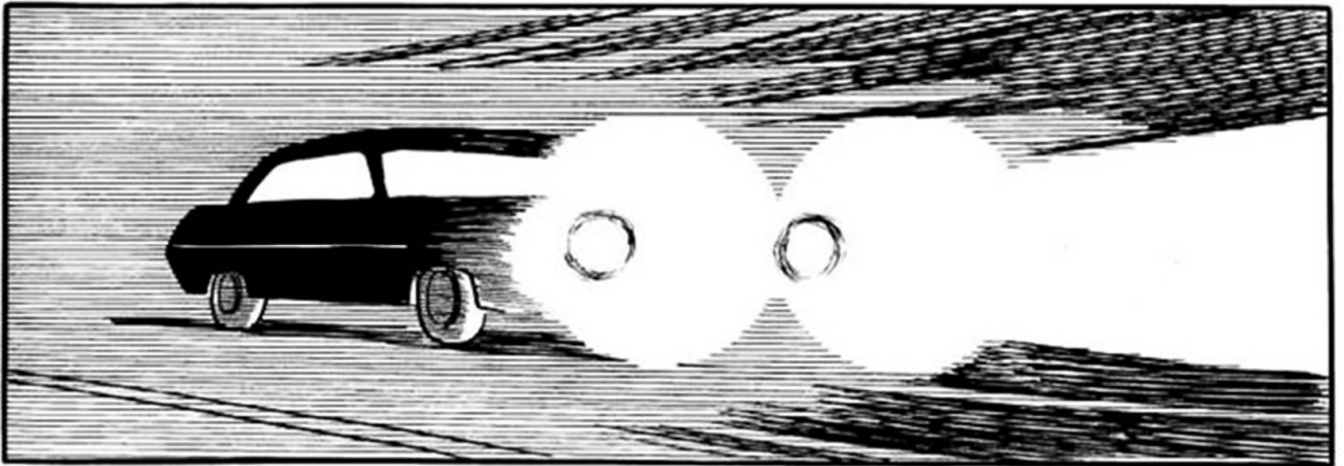




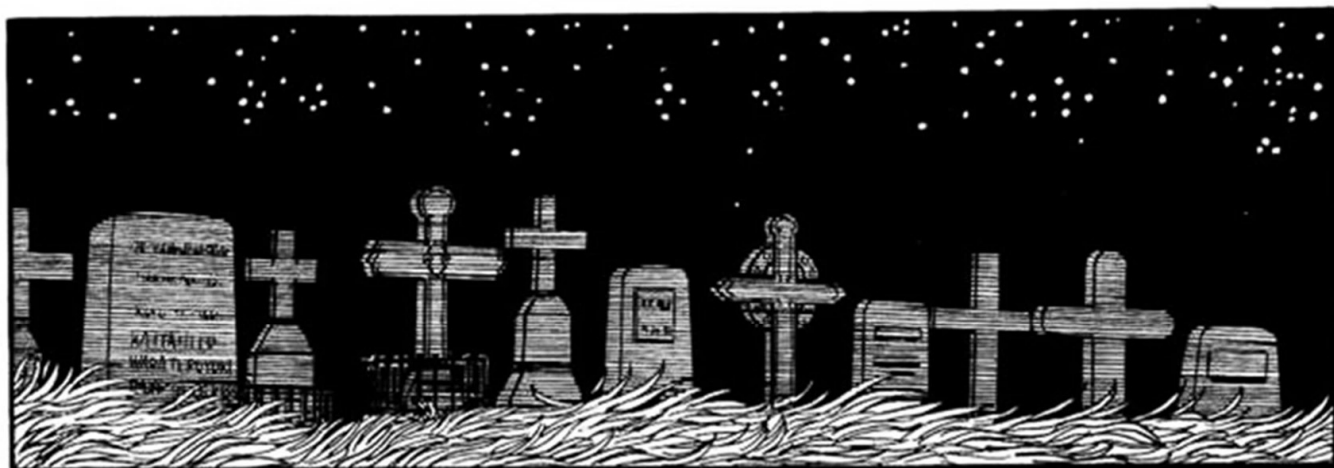
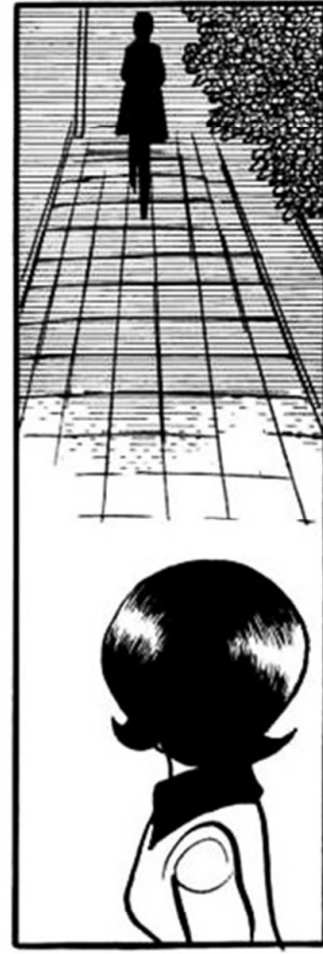
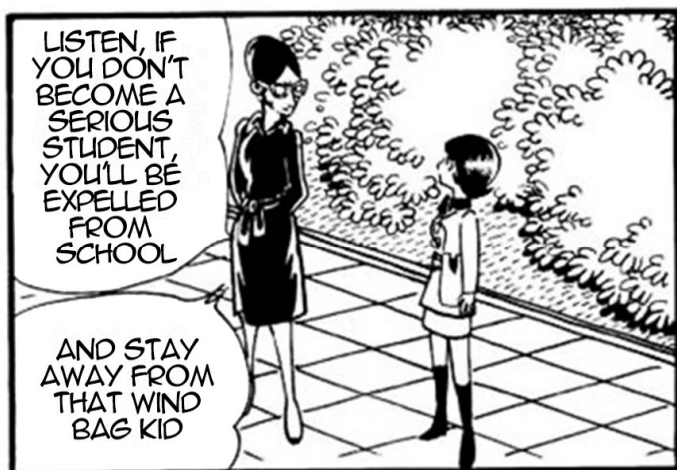
THE BOAT  
WILL BE  
SWEEP  
AWAY

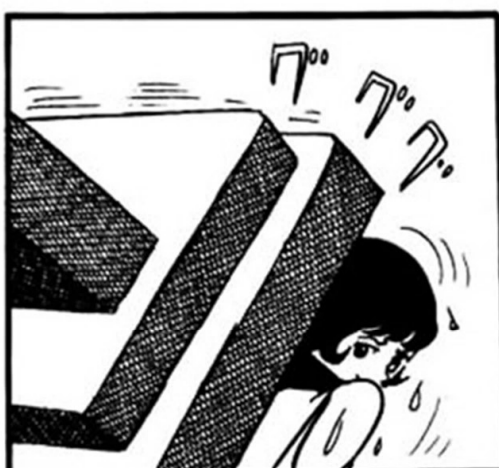
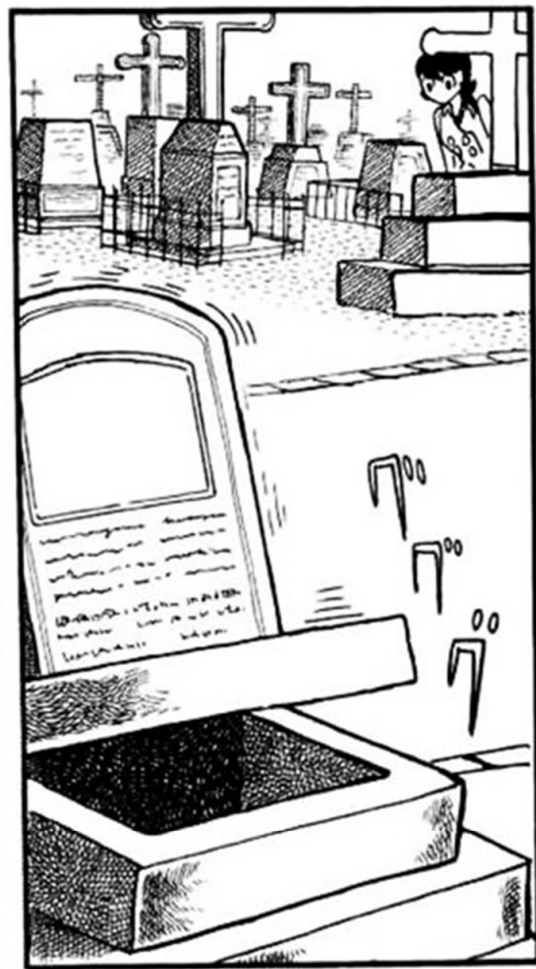
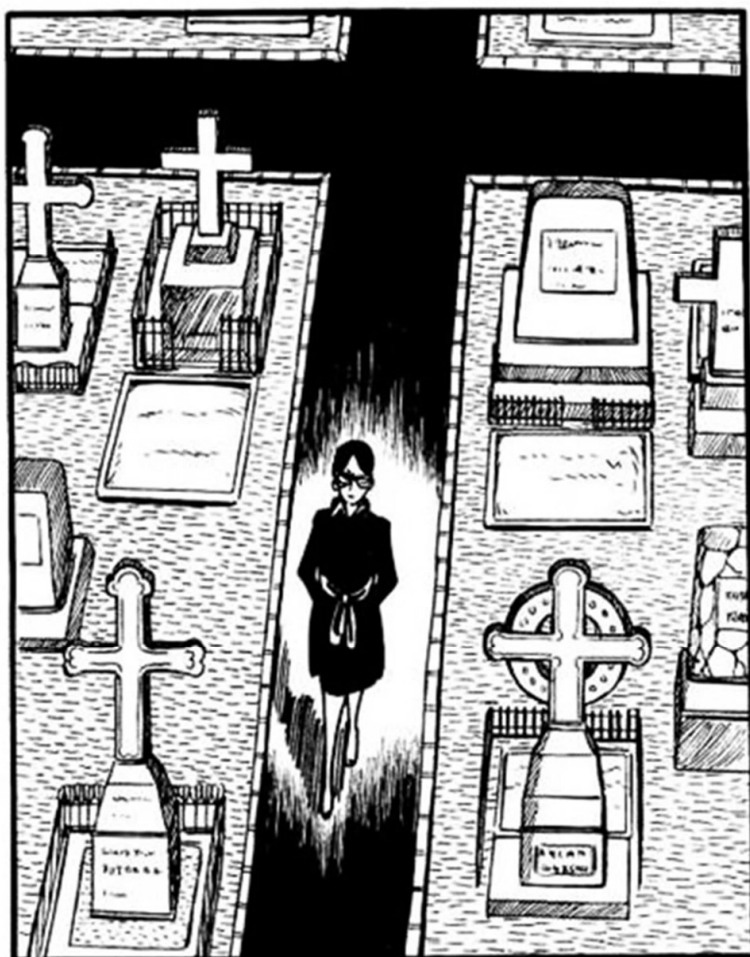
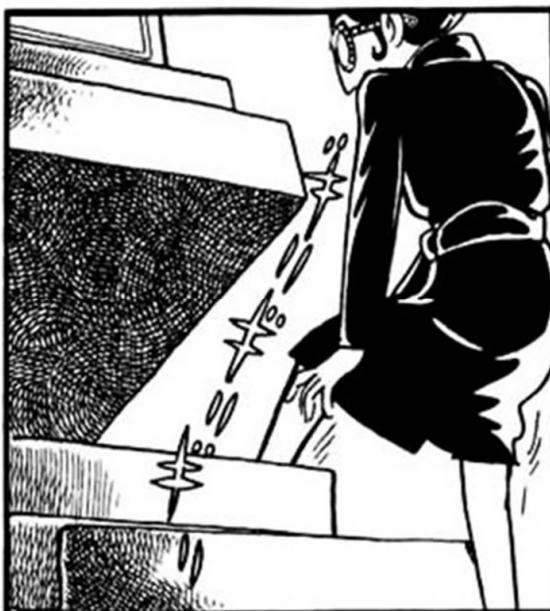






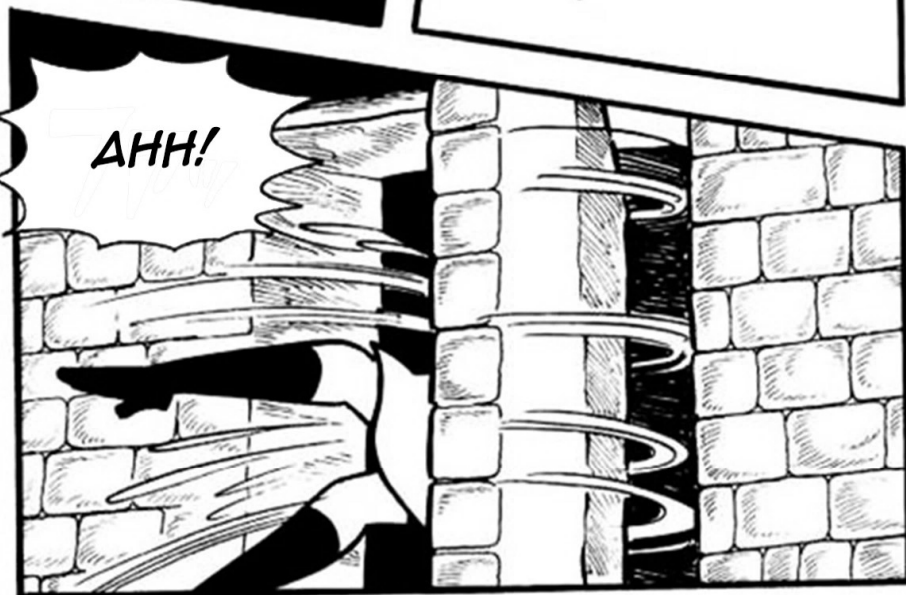
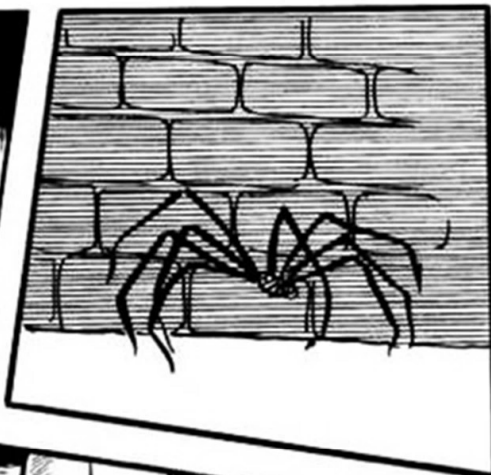
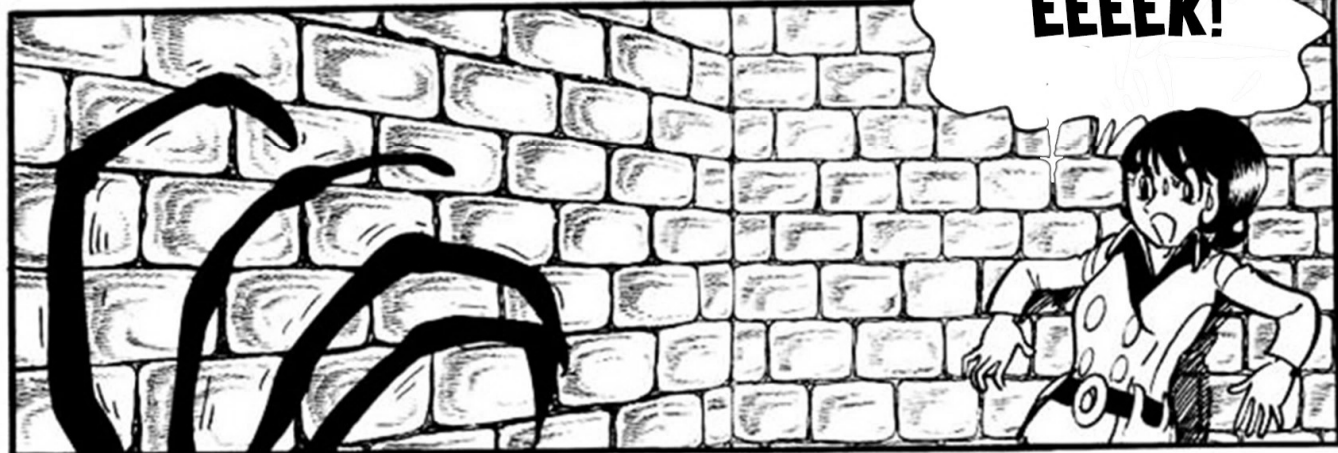


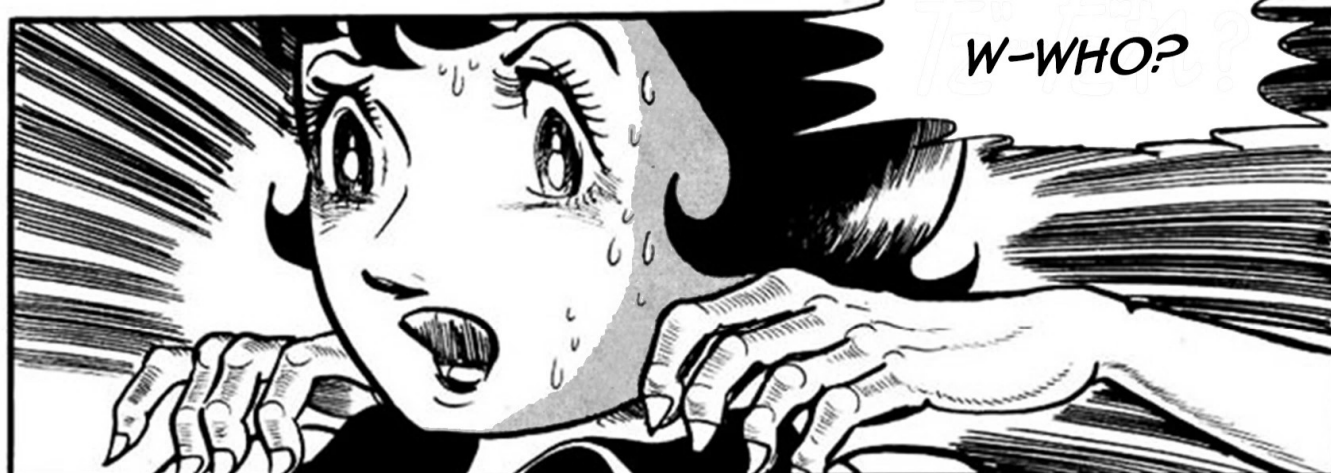




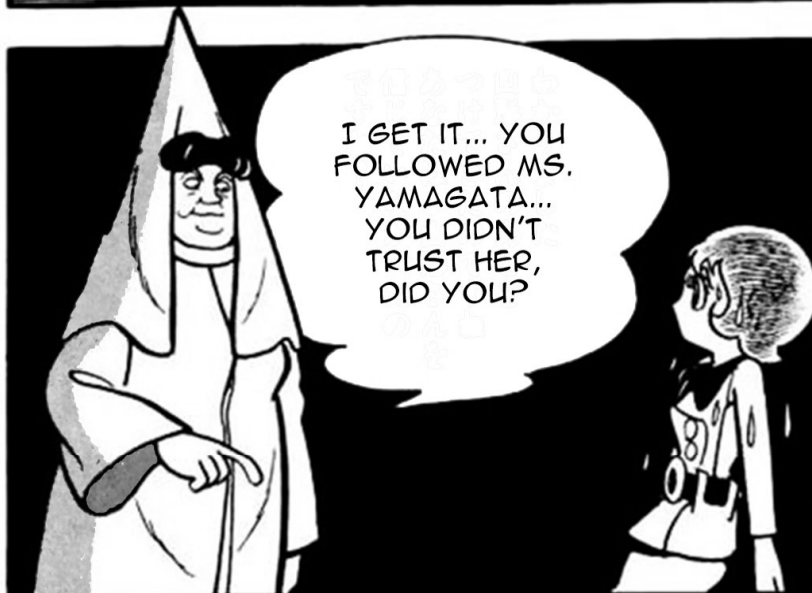




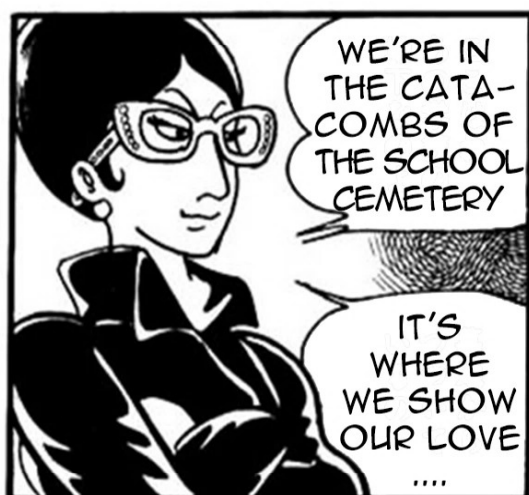
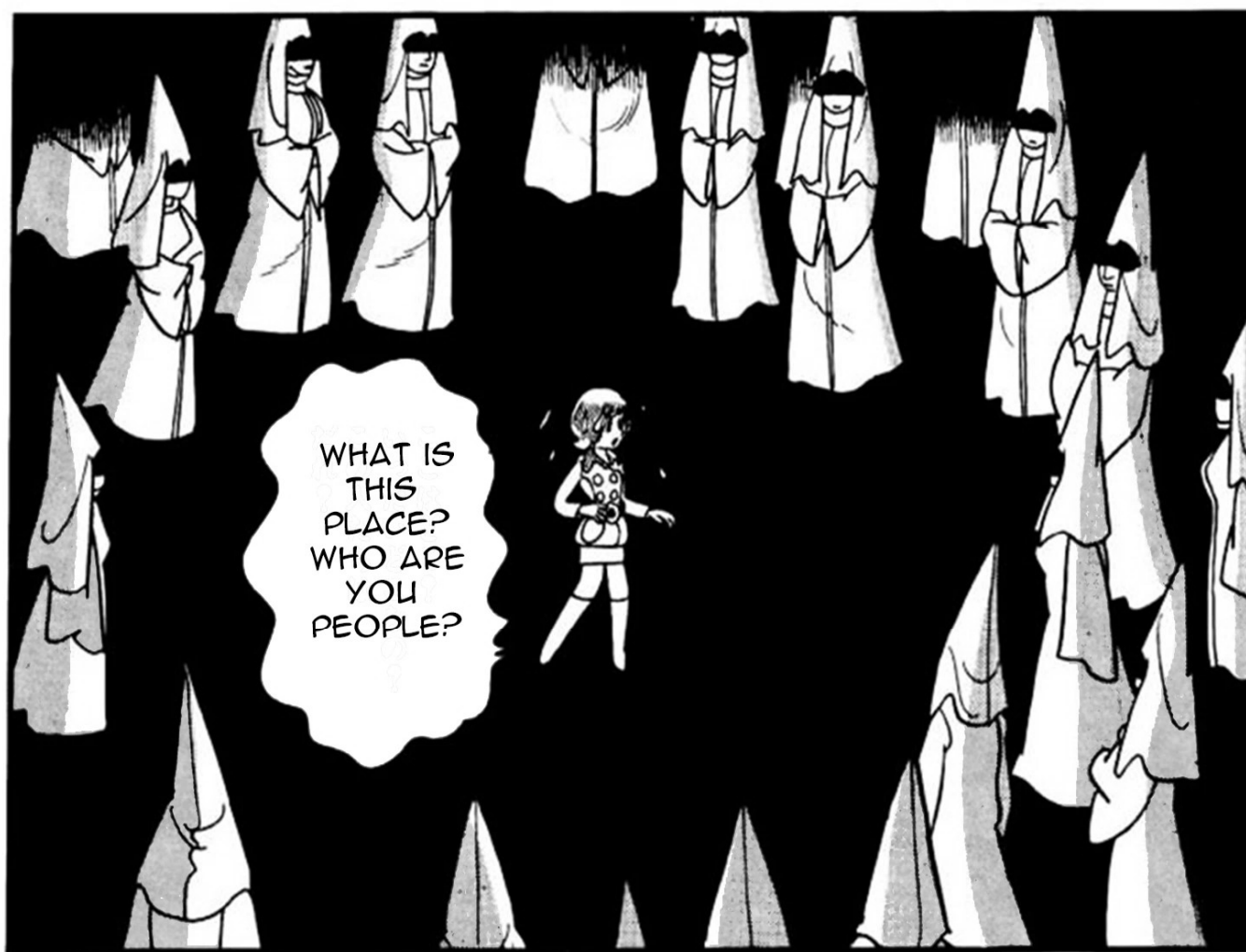
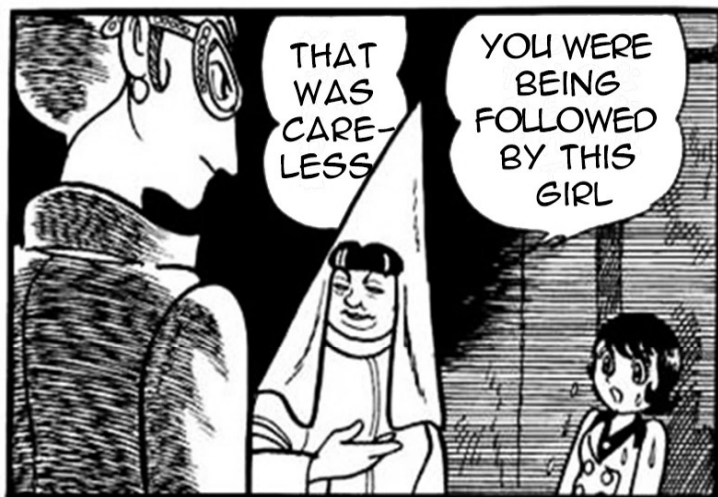


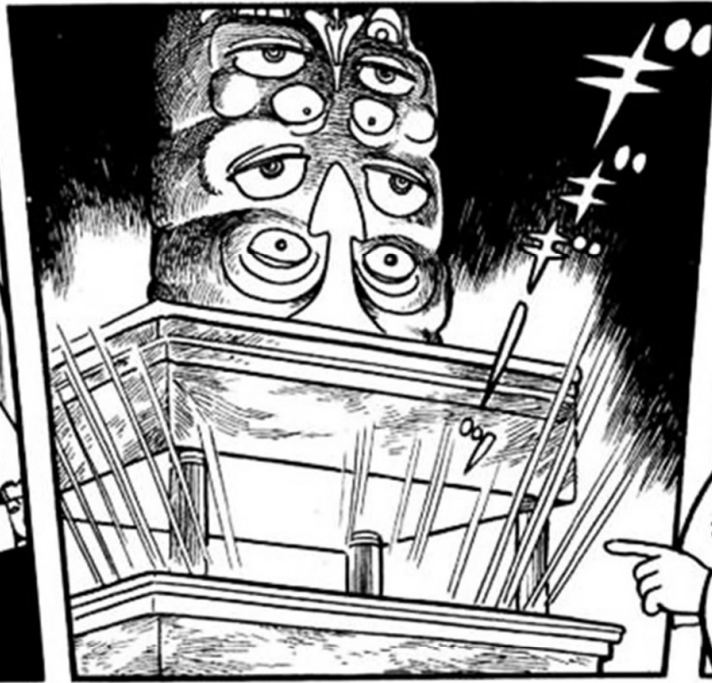


W-WHO?





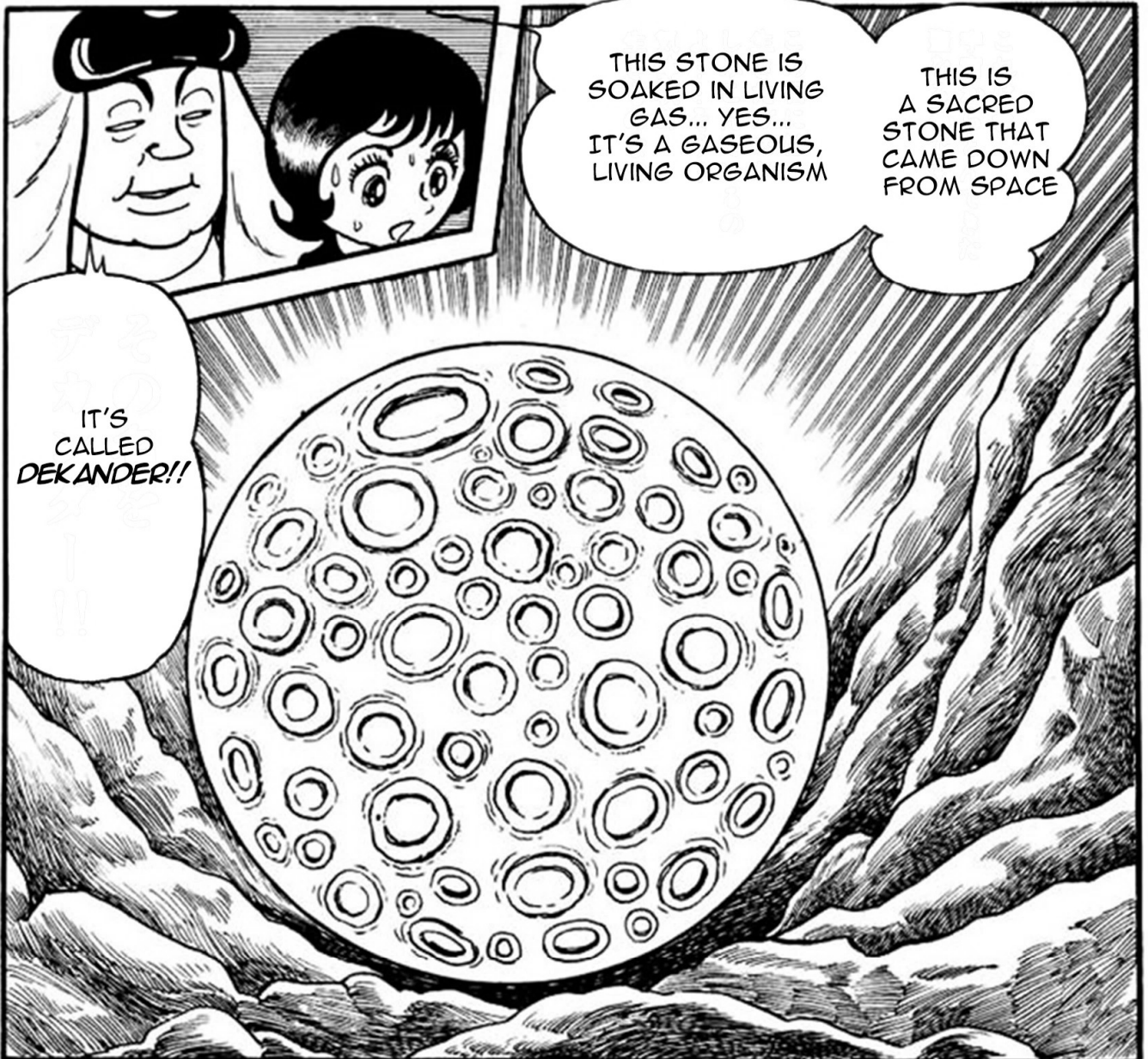


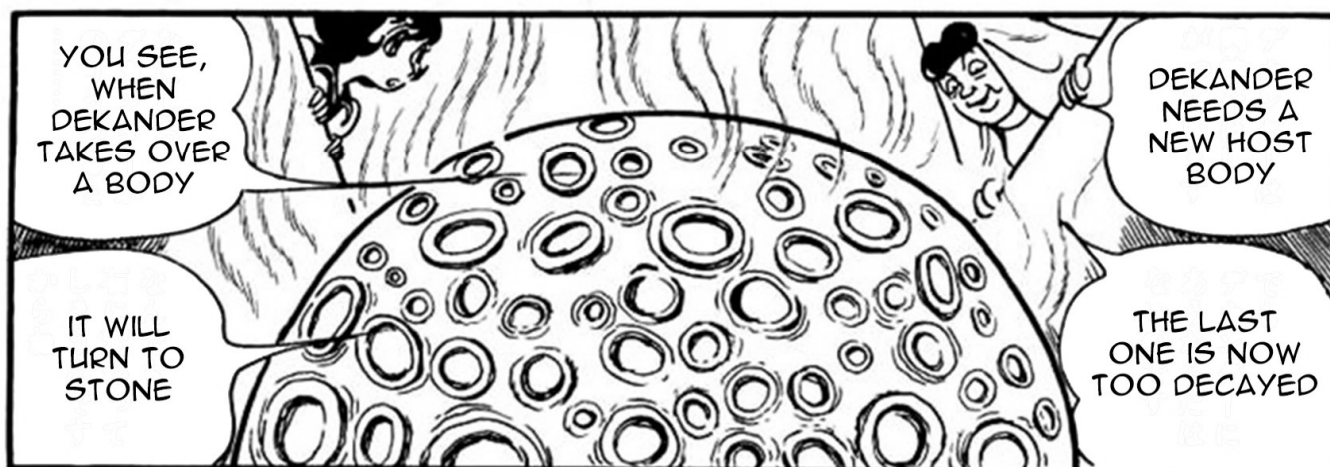


THIS STONE IS  
SOAKED IN LIVING  
GAS... YES...  
IT'S A GASEOUS,  
LIVING ORGANISM

THIS IS  
A SACRED  
STONE THAT  
CAME DOWN  
FROM SPACE

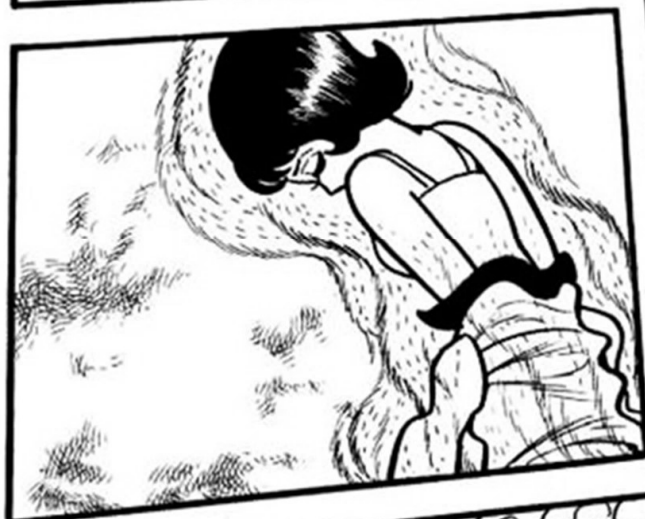
IT'S  
CALLED  
DEKANDER!!





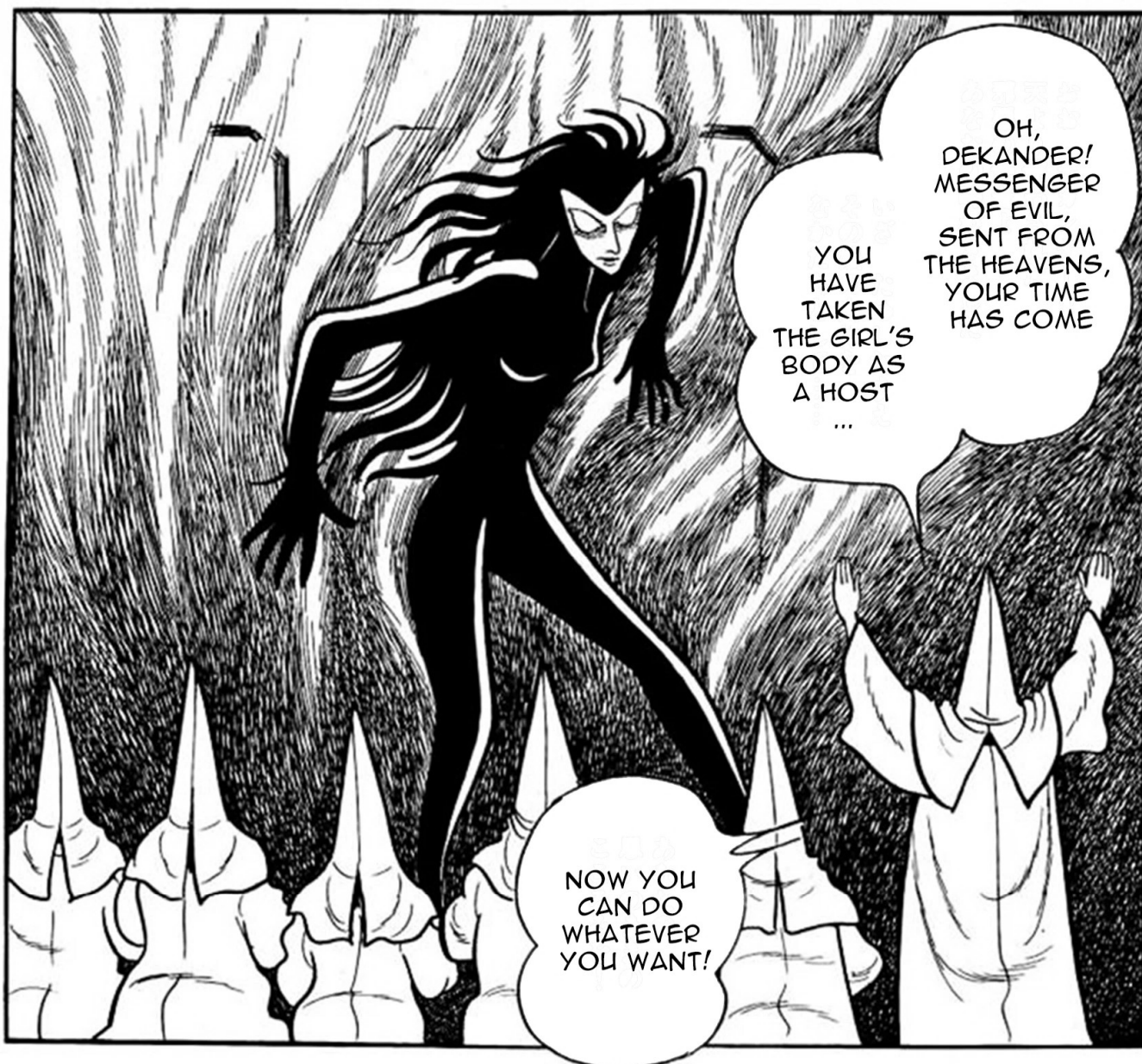










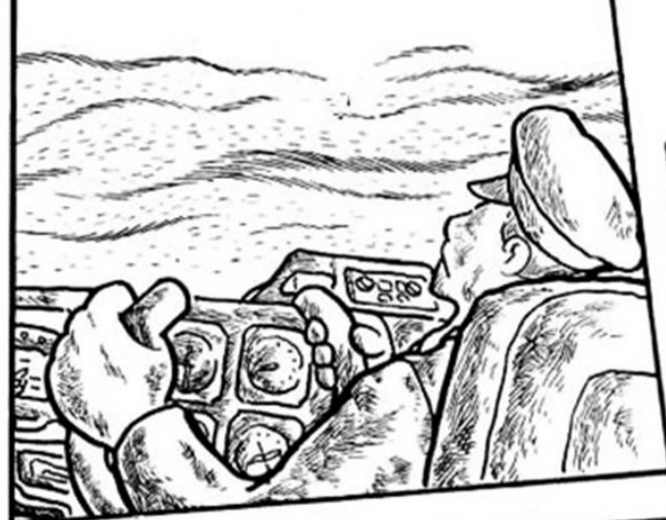




















UH OH,  
THE  
DETEC-  
TIVE IS  
KNOCKED  
OUT



WHAT WENT  
BOOM?  
THIS IS  
NOT GOING  
WELL!



HOLY  
CRAP!

GACK!



THOSE  
AREN'T STONE  
STATUES...  
THEY...  
THEY'RE....

WHAT'S GOING  
ON? WHY ARE  
THERE ALL THESE  
STATUES?

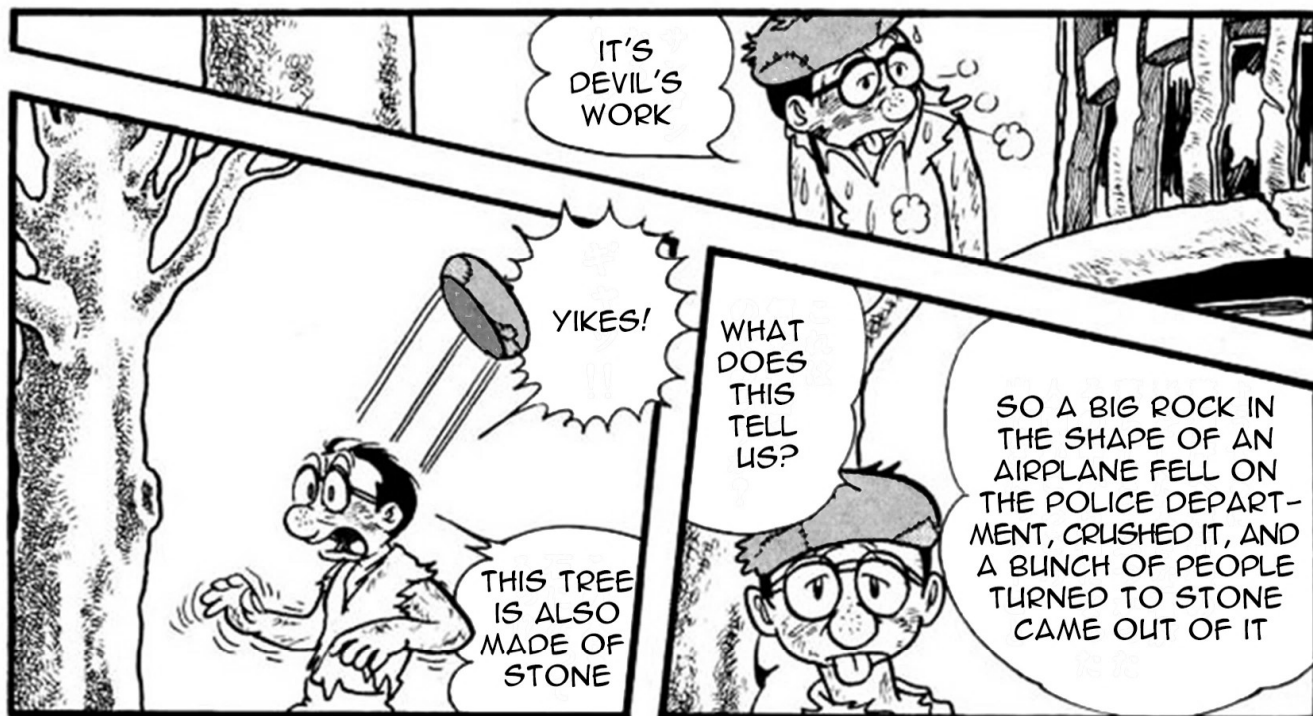


**HUMAN  
FOSSILS!**

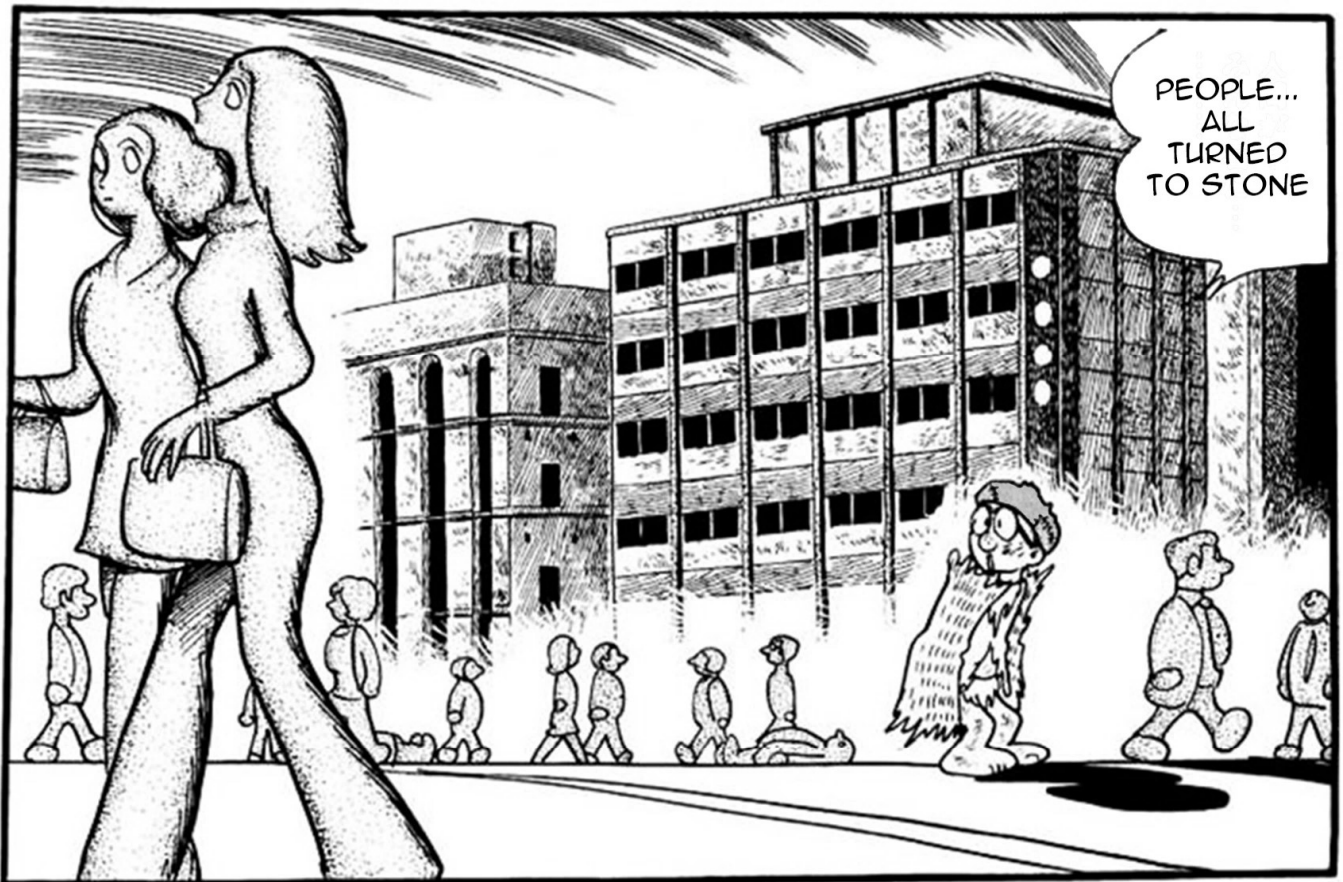
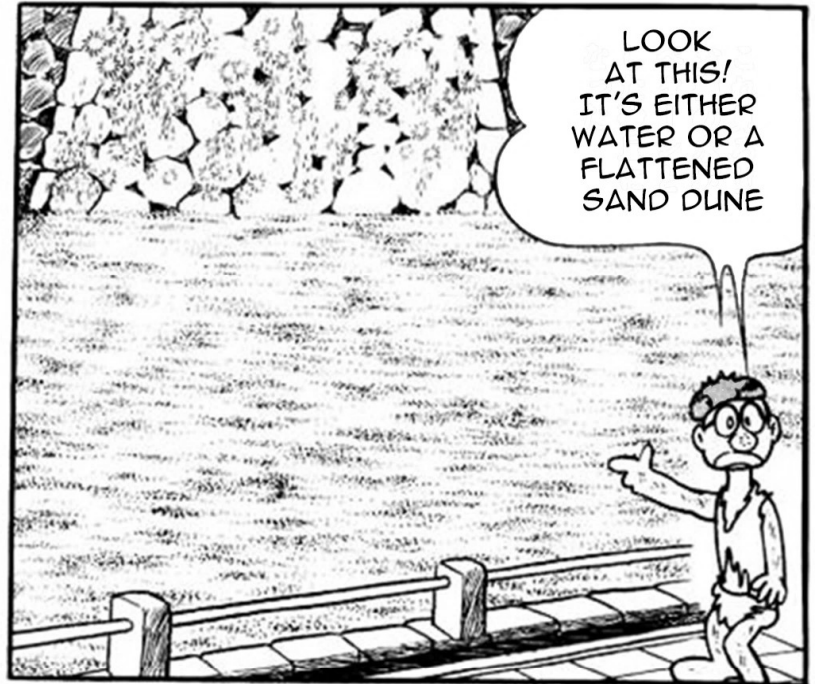
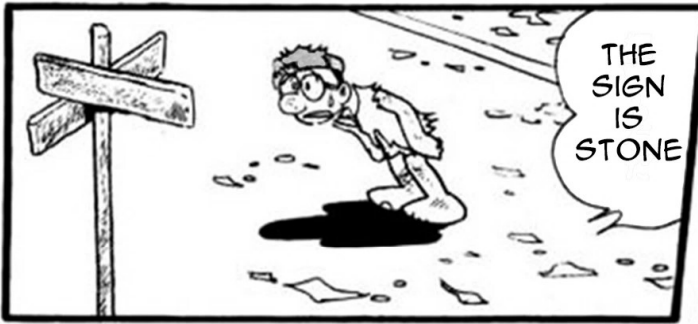


REAL  
HUMAN  
BEINGS  
TURNED  
TO STONE!











OH, MY  
GOD,  
I'M  
GOING  
CRAZY



OH WAIT!  
OVER THERE!  
ISN'T THAT  
THE SHAPE  
OF A LIVING  
PERSON?

HO-HO-HO!

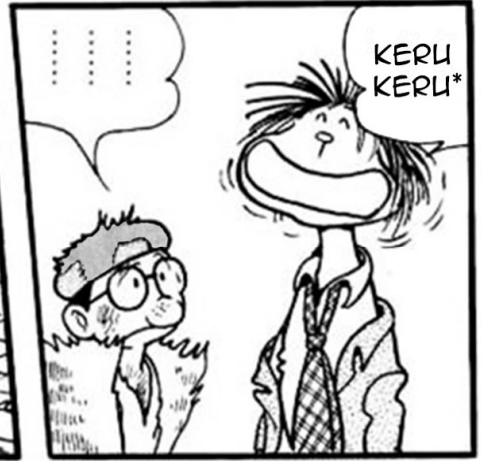
HE HE HE!

**HEY!!**

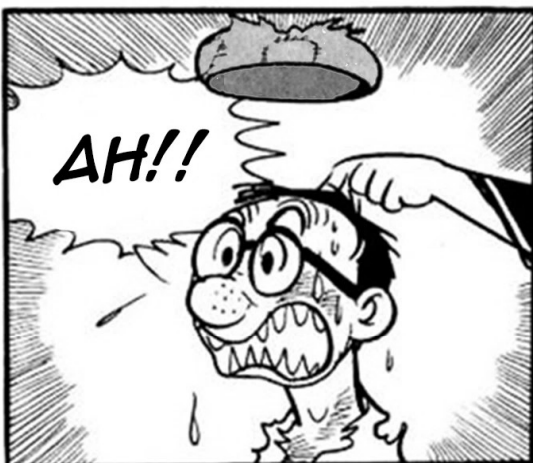
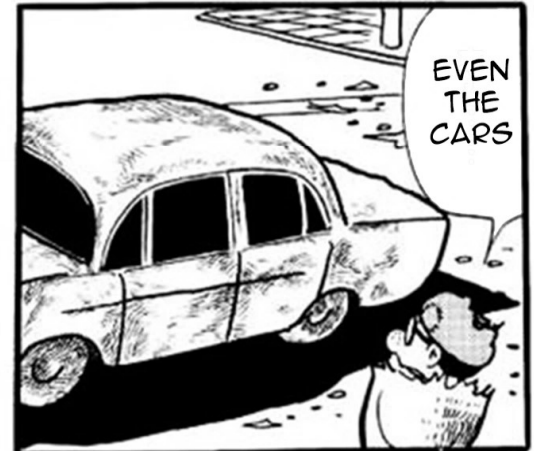
HEY THERE!  
HEEY!



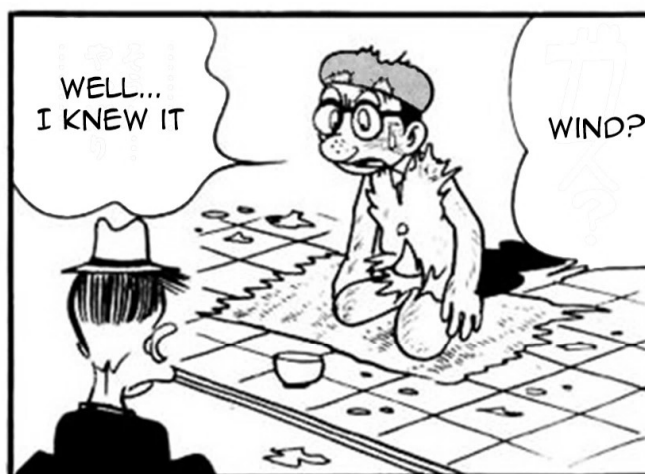
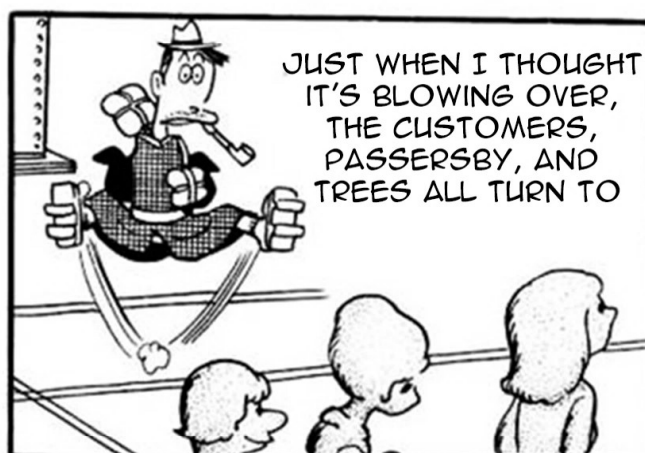




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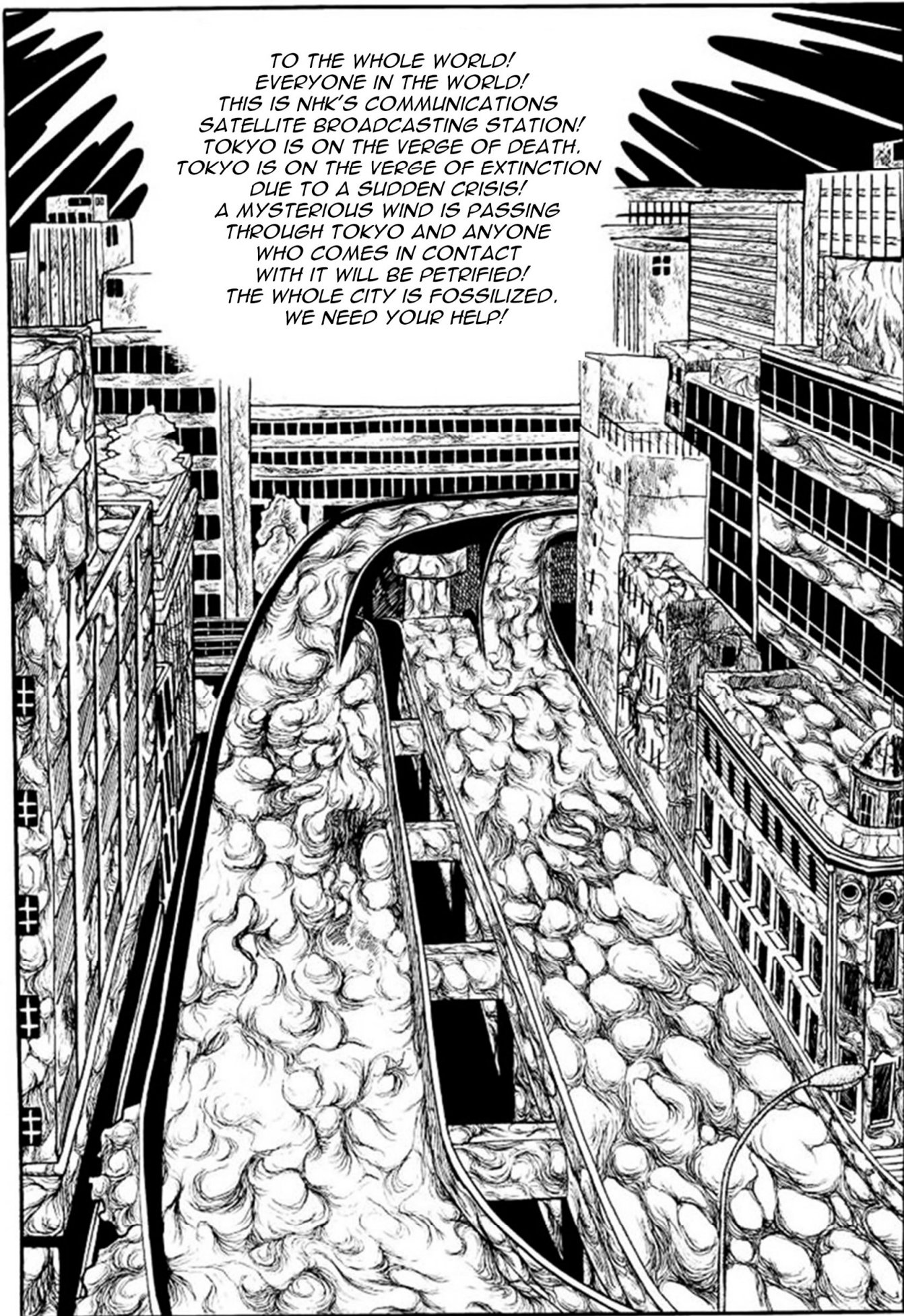




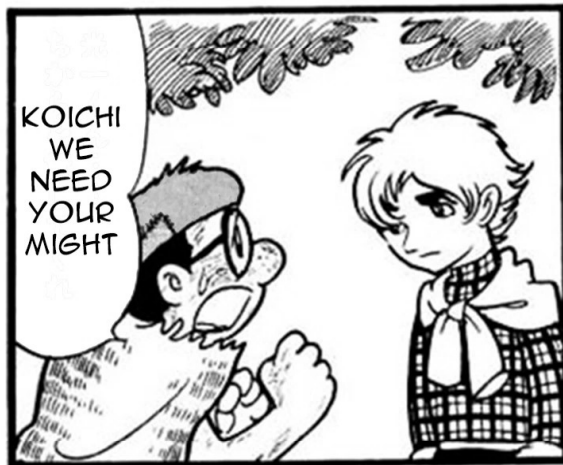
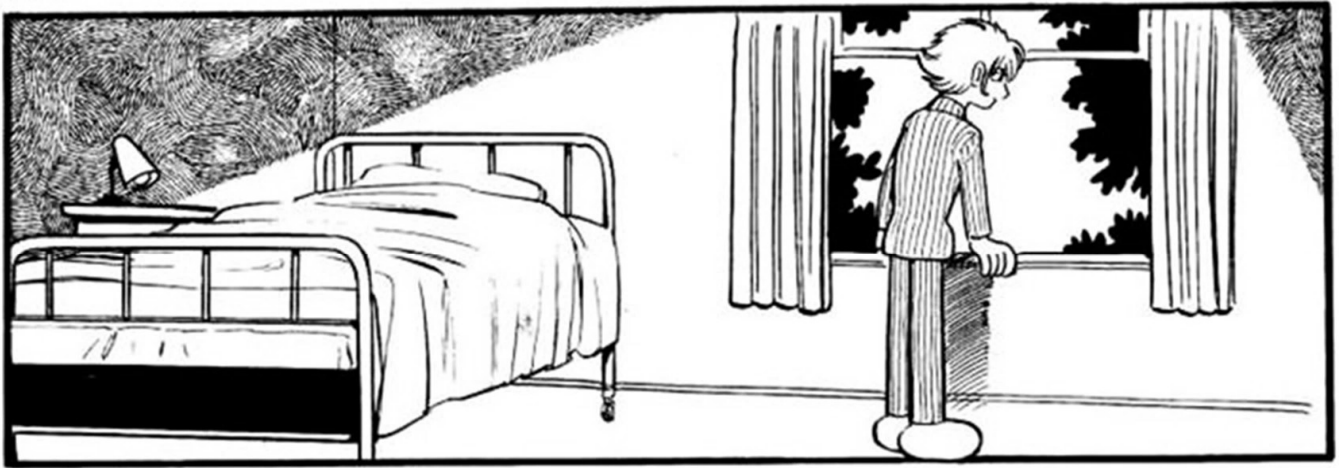
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## EPILOGUE

TO THE WHOLE WORLD!  
EVERYONE IN THE WORLD!  
THIS IS NHK'S COMMUNICATIONS  
SATELLITE BROADCASTING STATION!  
TOKYO IS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.  
TOKYO IS ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION  
DUE TO A SUDDEN CRISIS!  
A MYSTERIOUS WIND IS PASSING  
THROUGH TOKYO AND ANYONE  
WHO COMES IN CONTACT  
WITH IT WILL BE PETRIFIED!  
THE WHOLE CITY IS FOSSILIZED.  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!









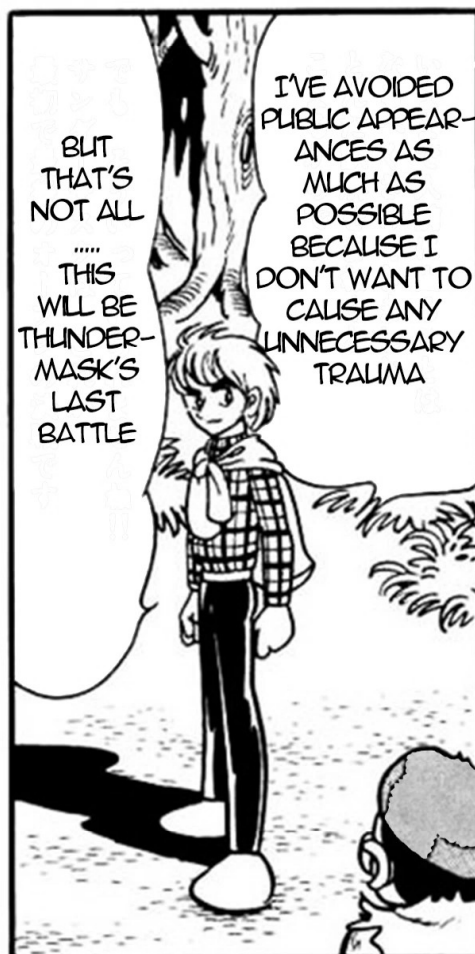
IF WE LEAVE  
DEKANDER TO  
DO AS IT WISHES  
NOT ONLY JAPAN  
BUT THE WHOLE  
WORLD WILL  
BE DOOMED



YOU'RE  
THE ONLY  
ONE WHO CAN  
FIND AND  
CONFRONT  
DEKANDER



I  
UNDER-  
STAND



BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT ALL

.....  
THIS  
WILL BE  
THUNDER-  
MASK'S  
LAST  
BATTLE

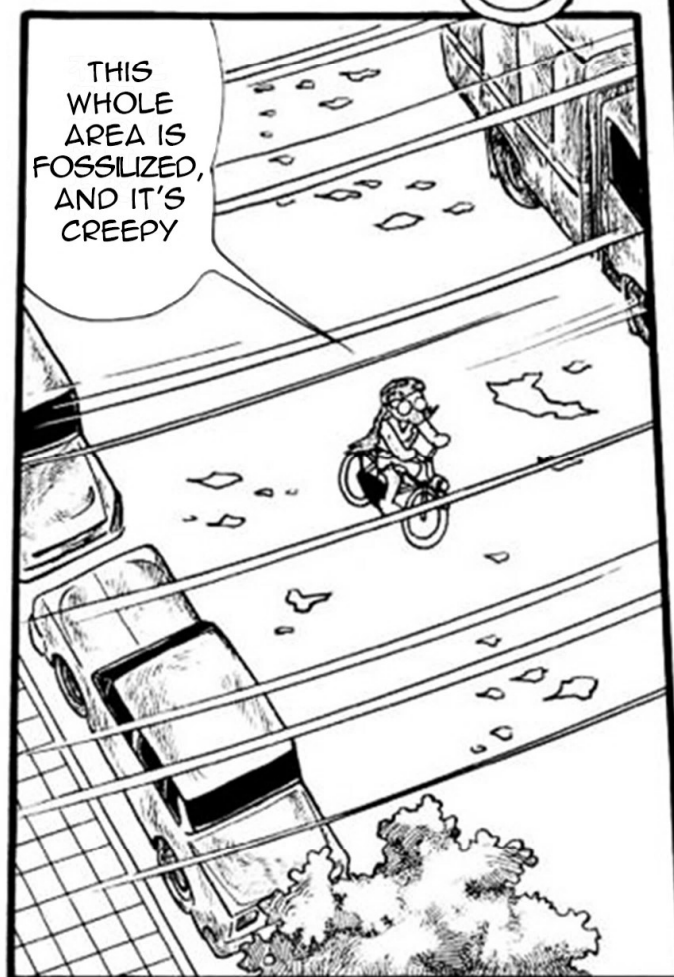
I'VE AVOIDED  
PUBLIC APPEAR-  
ANCES AS  
MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE  
BECAUSE I  
DON'T WANT TO  
CAUSE ANY  
UNNECESSARY  
TRAUMA

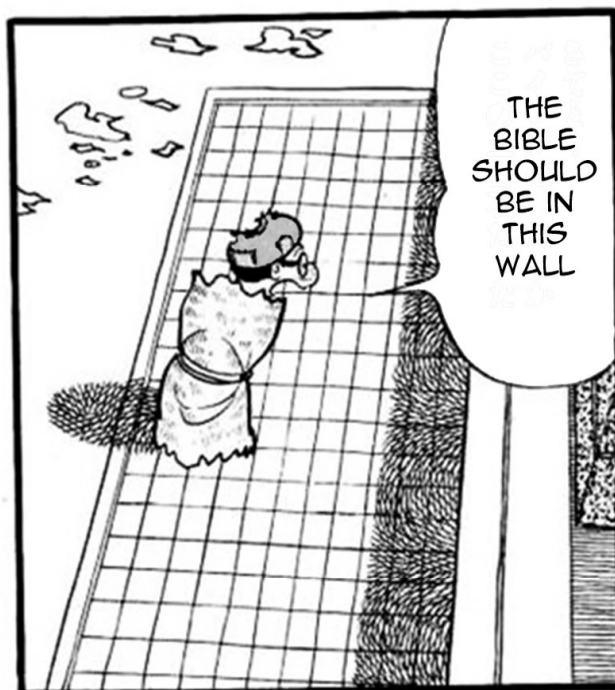
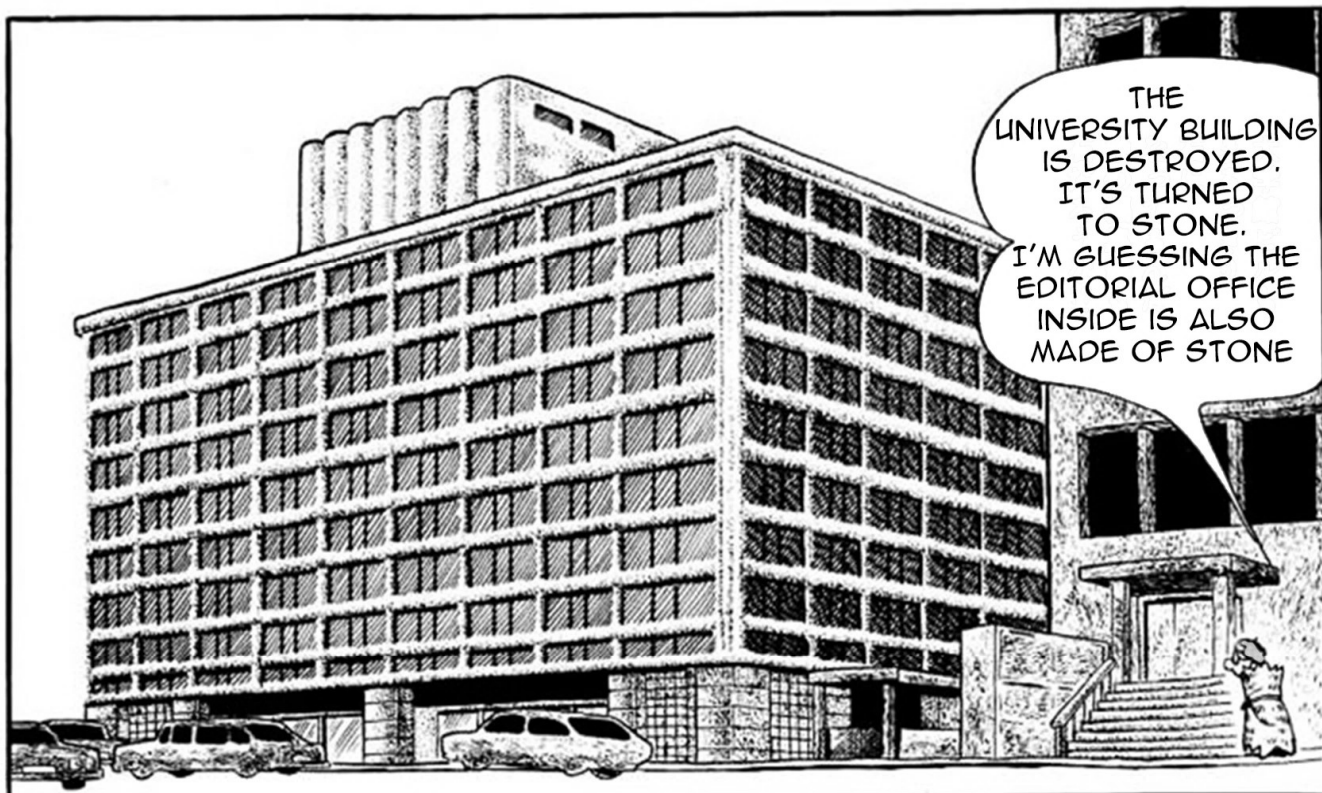


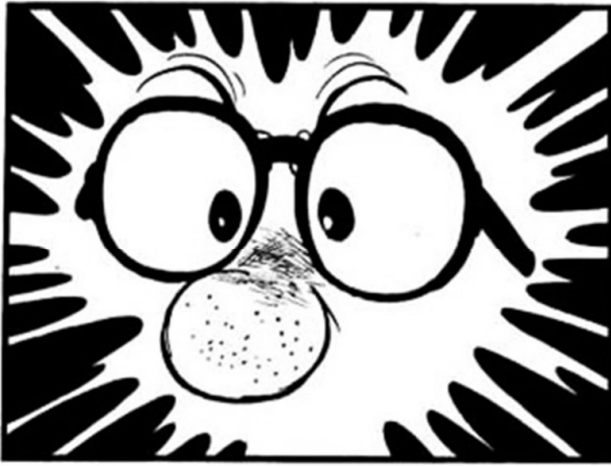
I'M SURE I'LL  
FIND DEKANDER,  
BUT I NEED YOU  
TO READ THE  
BIBLE IN ORDER  
TO SAVE ALL  
LIFE ON EARTH.  
IF YOU  
CAN DECIPHER  
IT, YOU'LL  
FIND A WAY TO  
SAVE YOURSELF  
FROM  
DEKANDER



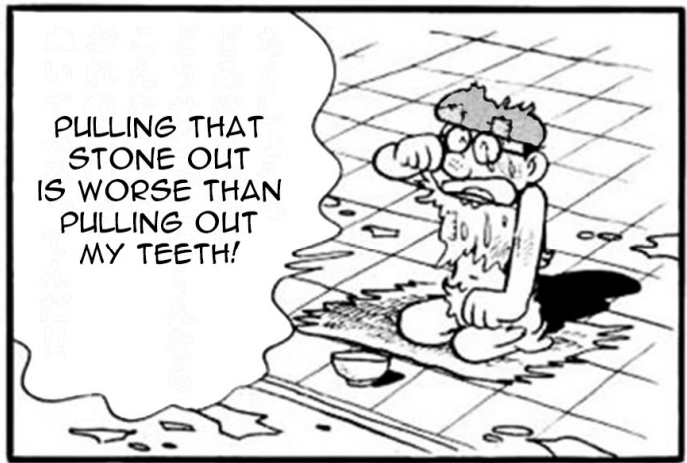








PULLING THAT  
STONE OUT  
IS WORSE THAN  
PULLING OUT  
MY TEETH!

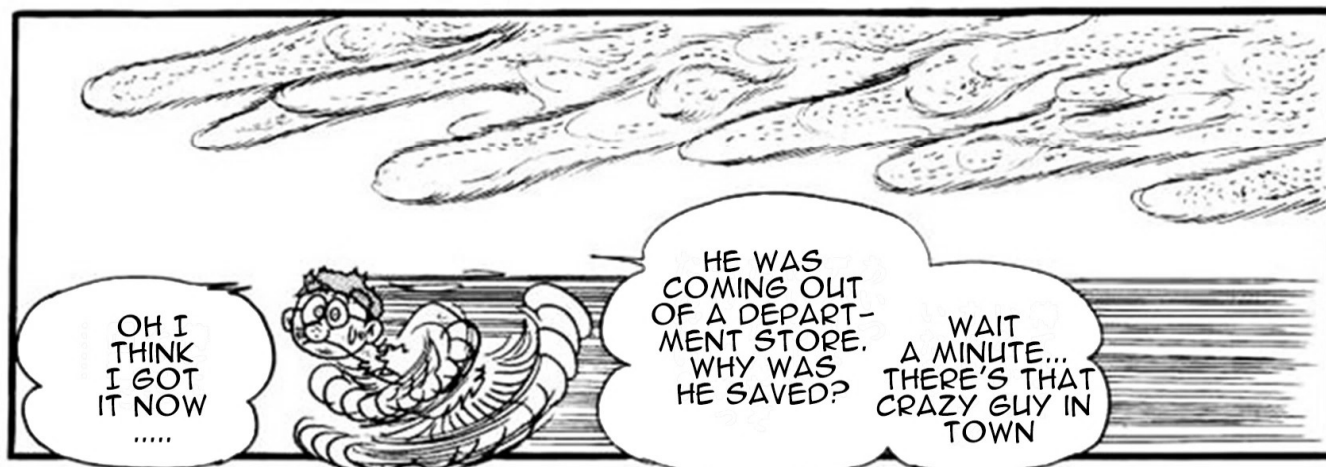


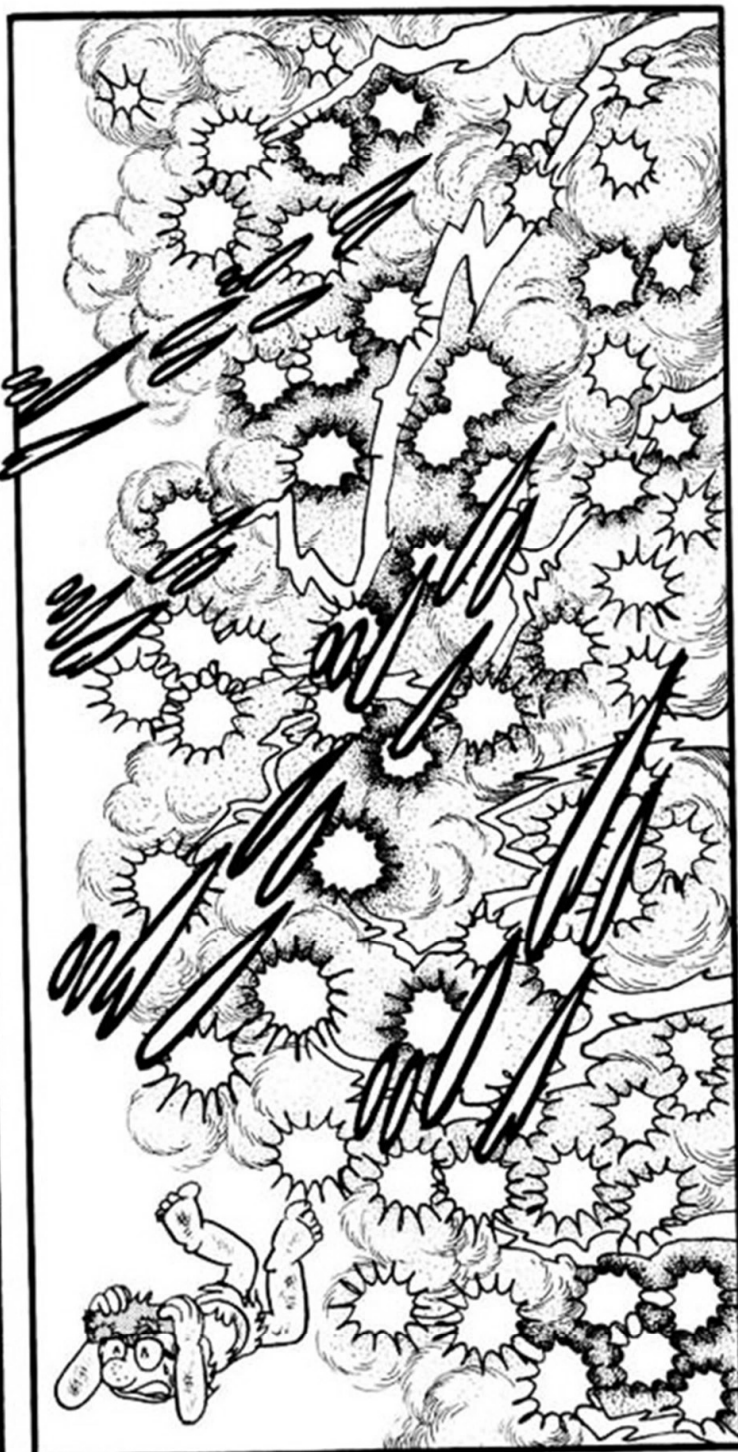
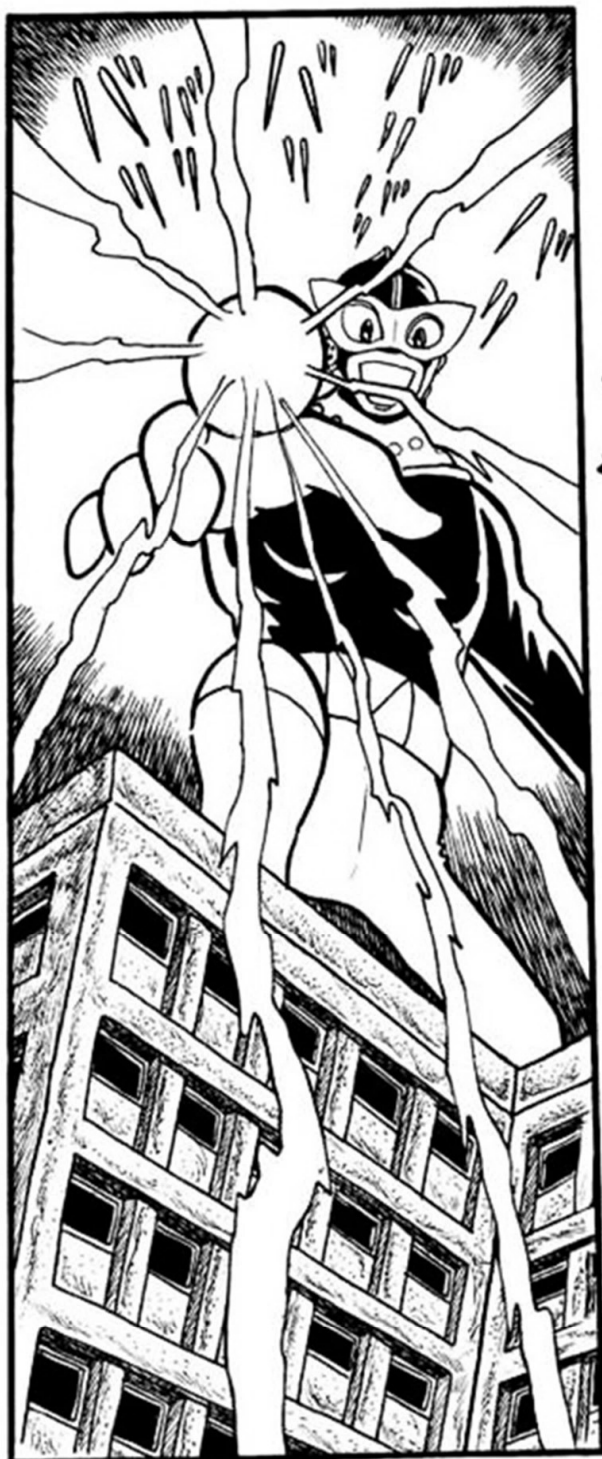
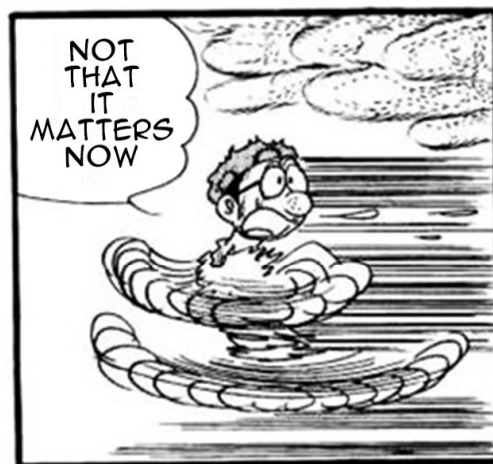
AAAAH!  
WHAT THE...  
IT'S...  
IT'S THE GAS!  
THE GAS IS  
COMING!!

OH, MY  
GOD,  
HELP ME,  
PLEASE!



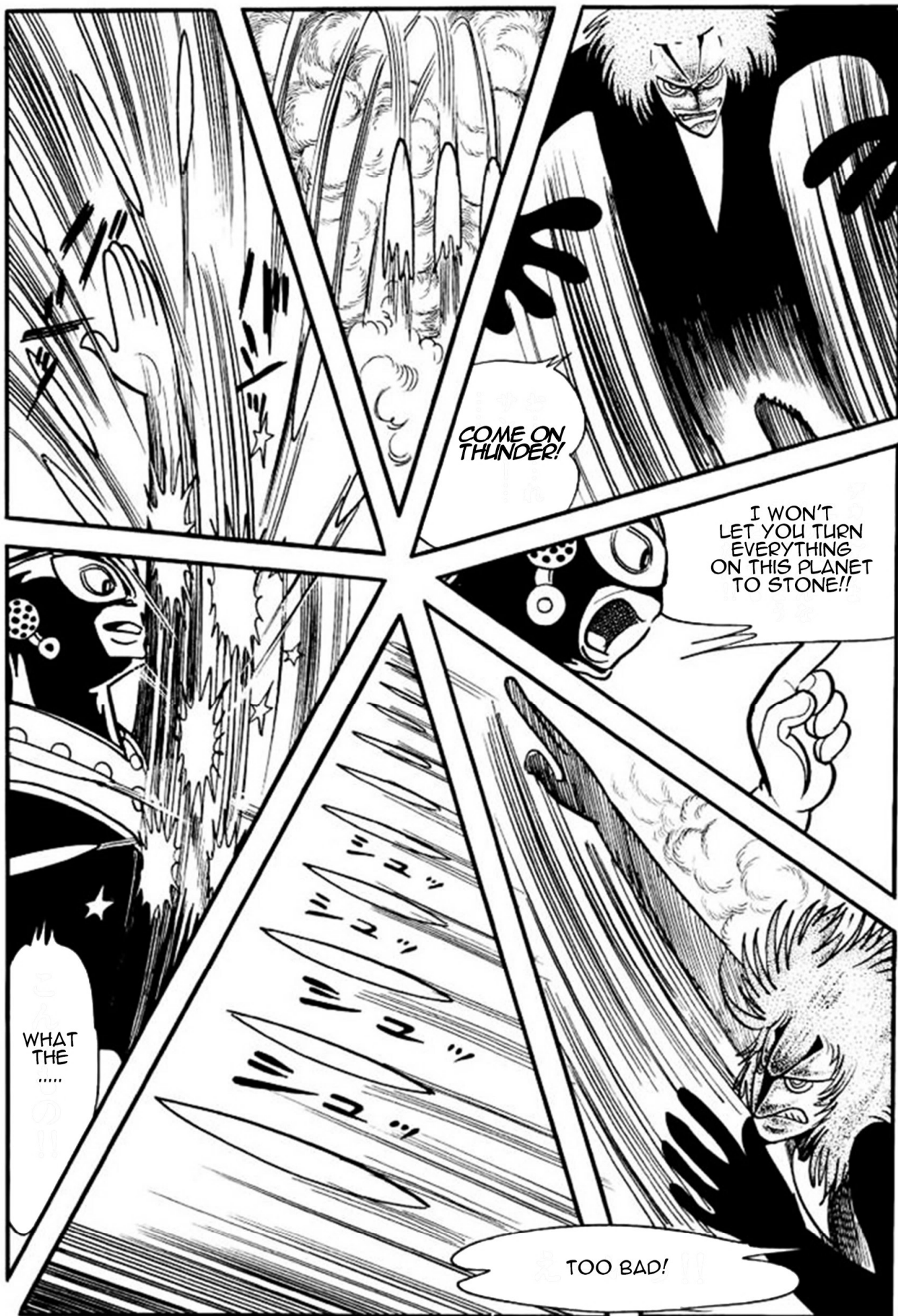




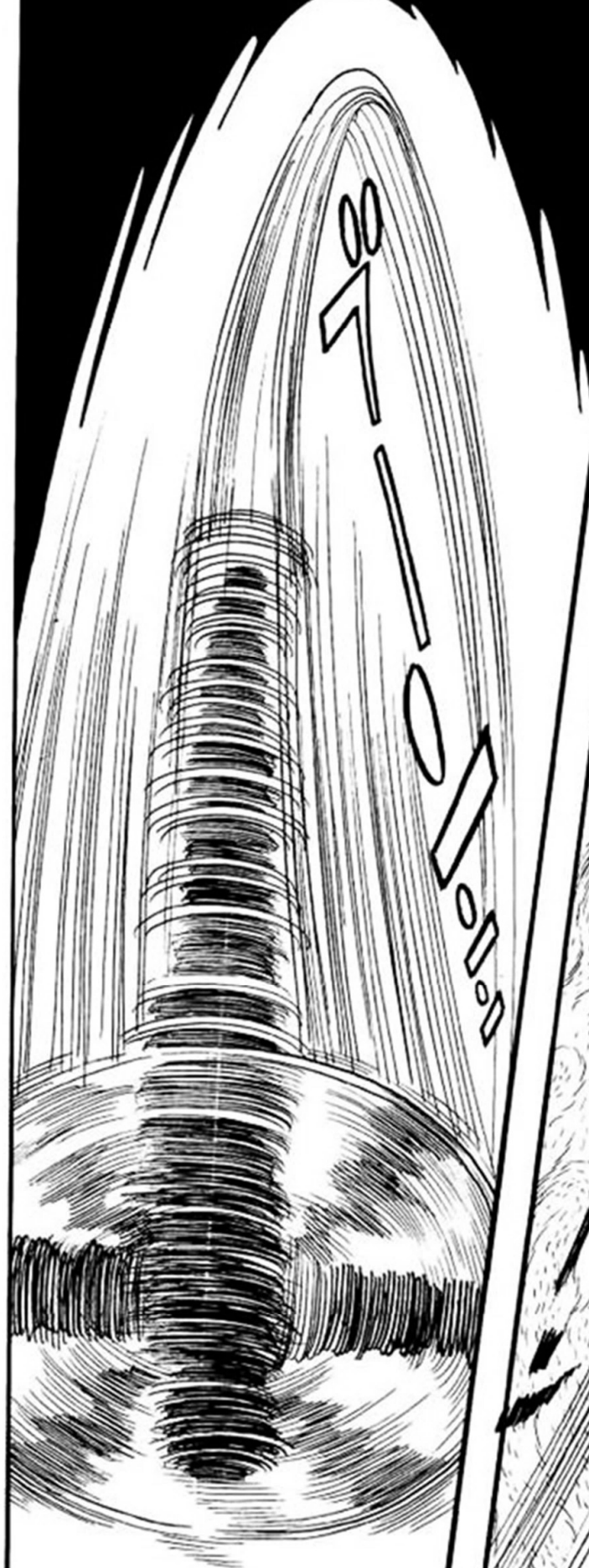
















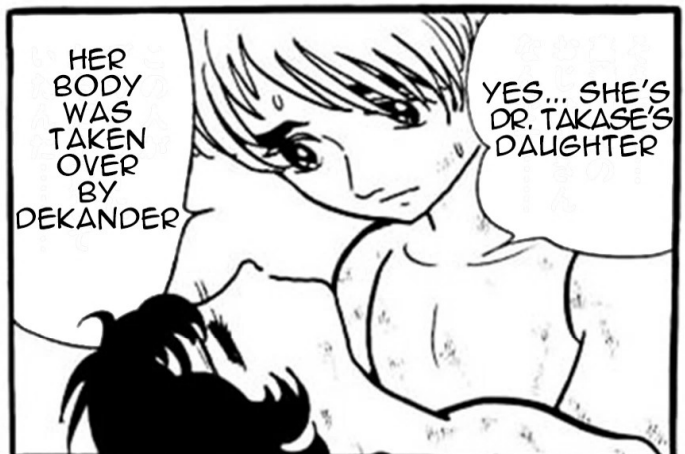
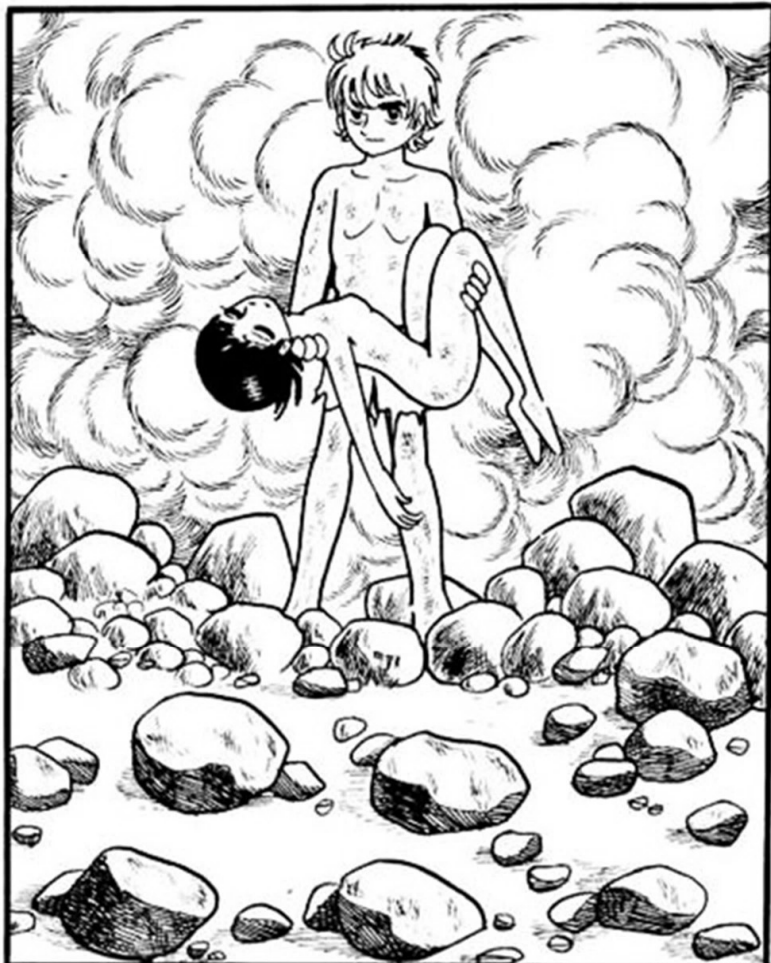
THUNDERMASK  
IS MAKING A  
TORNADO AND  
SWEEPING DEKANDER  
INTO THE AIR!



OH NO!  
THEY  
FELL AND  
CRASHED  
DOWN  
HARD!

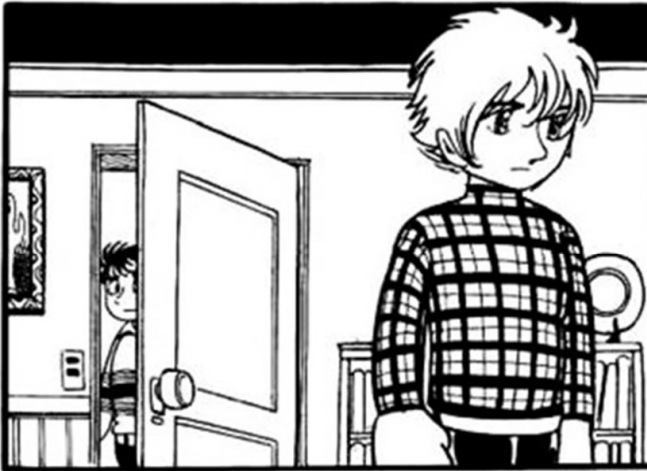


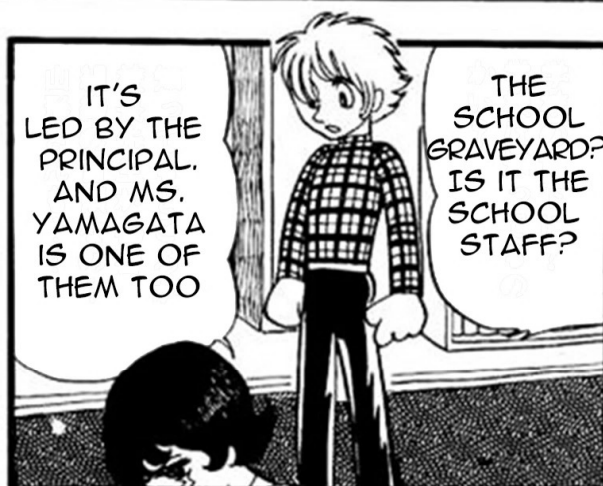
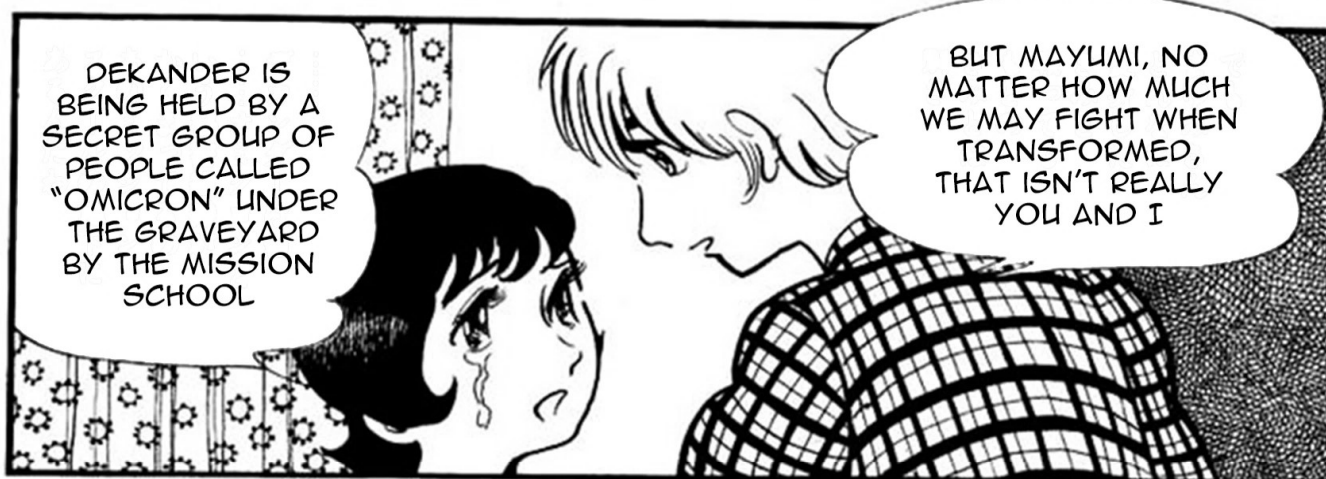




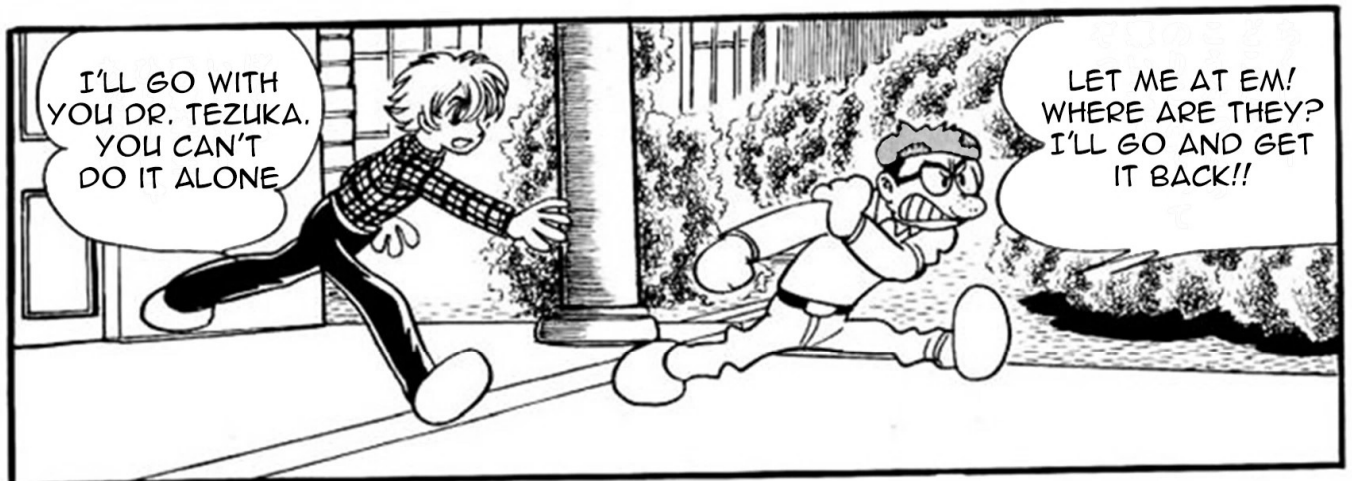
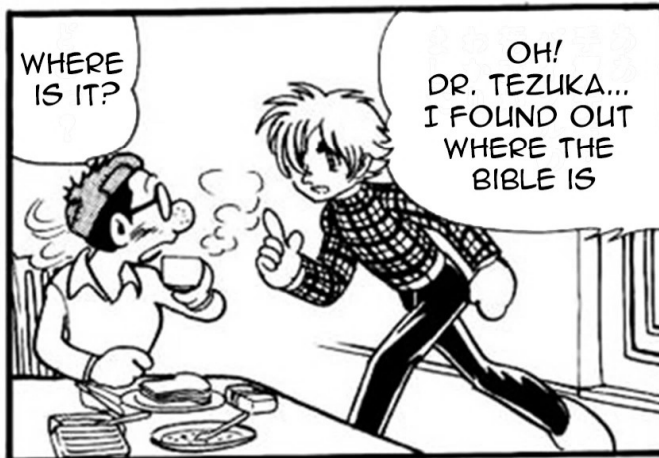








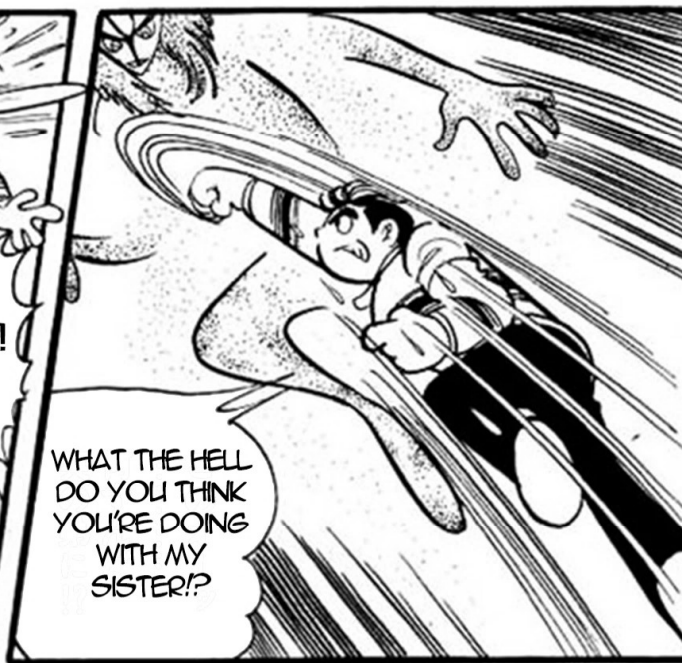
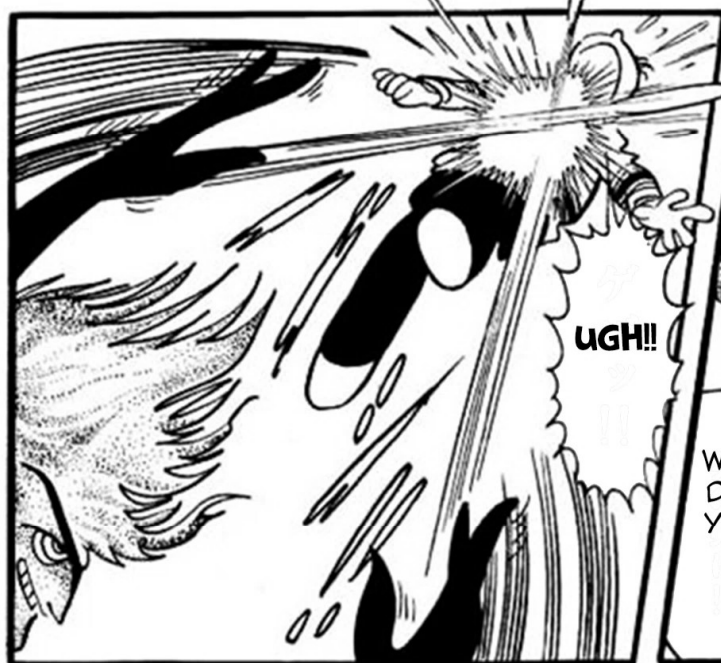


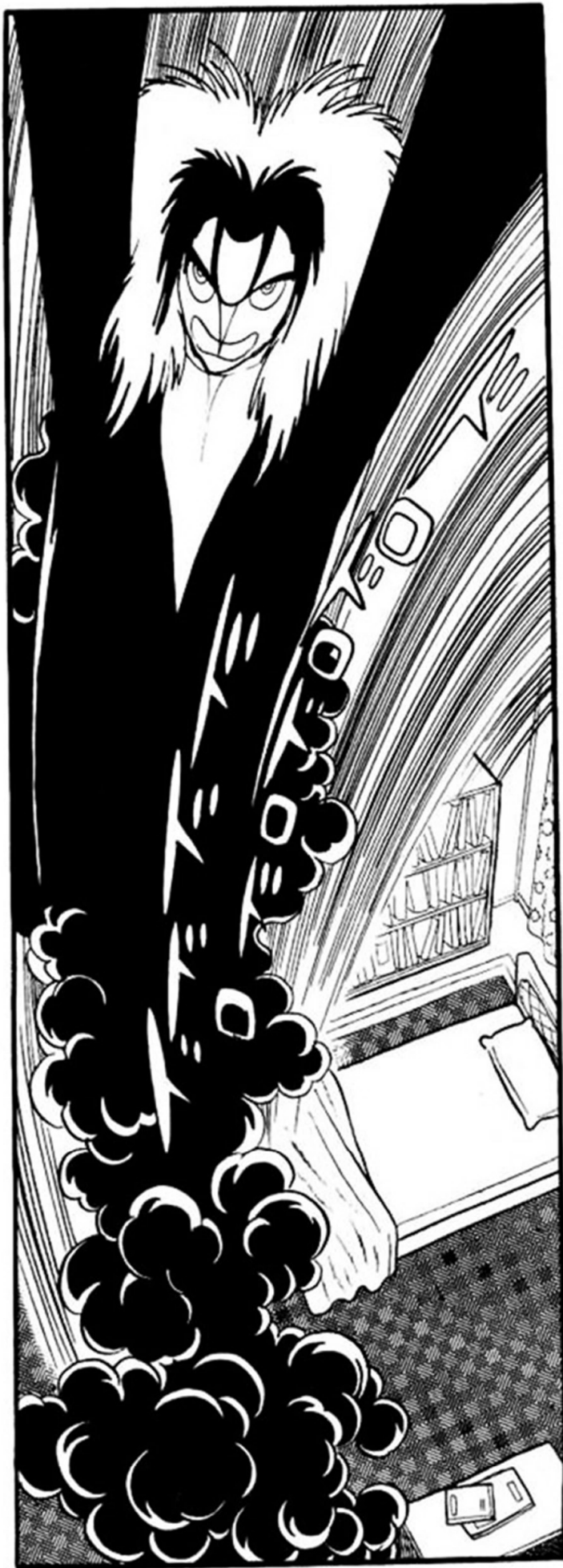


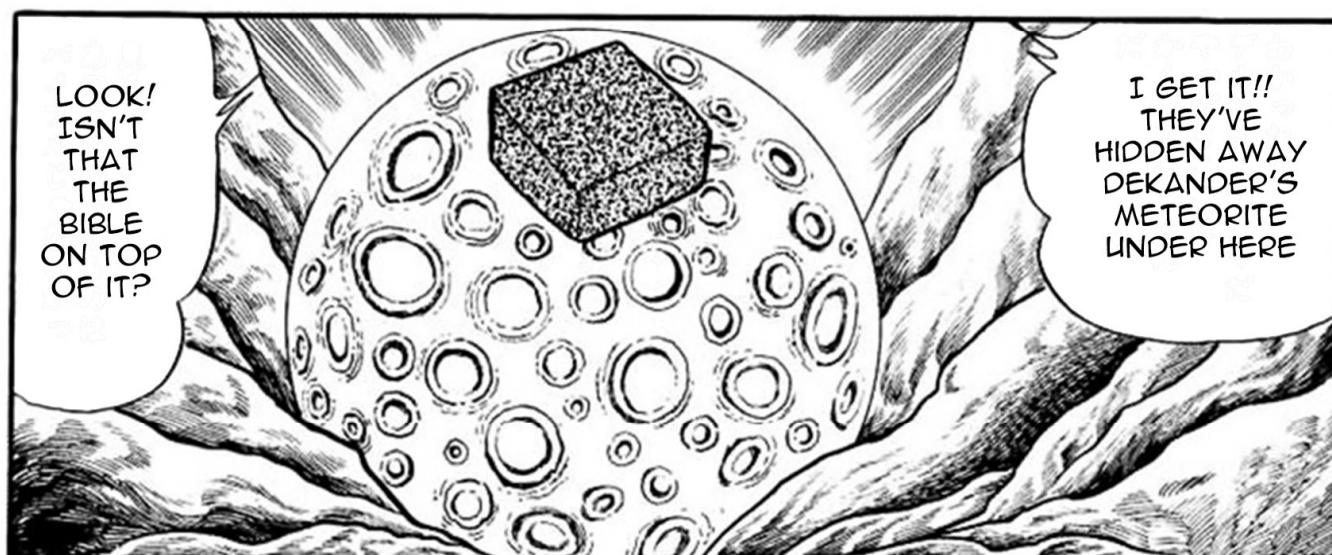
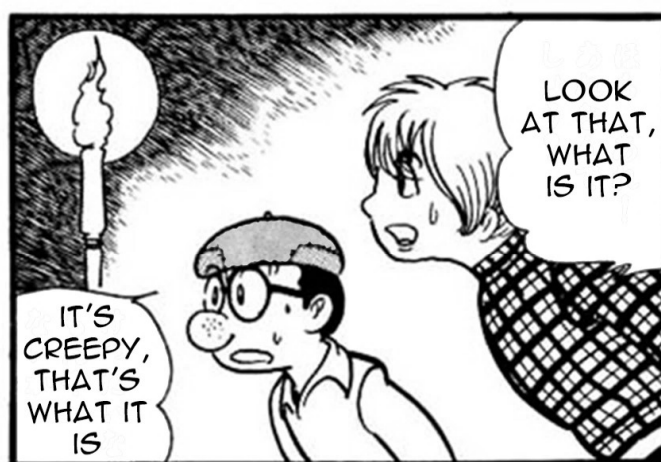




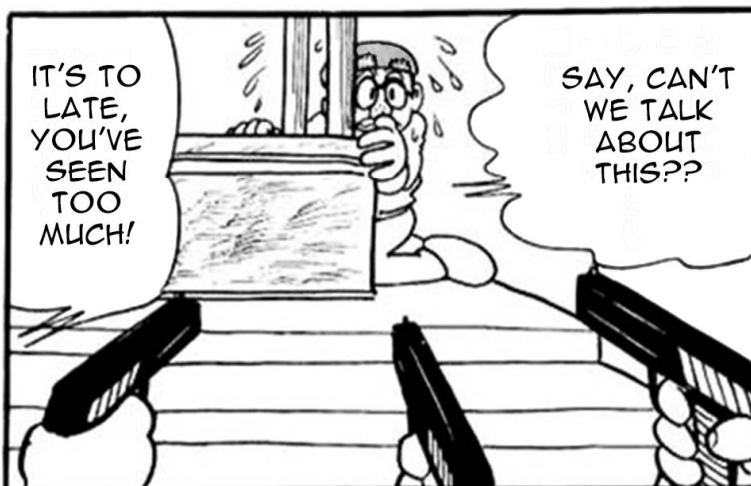
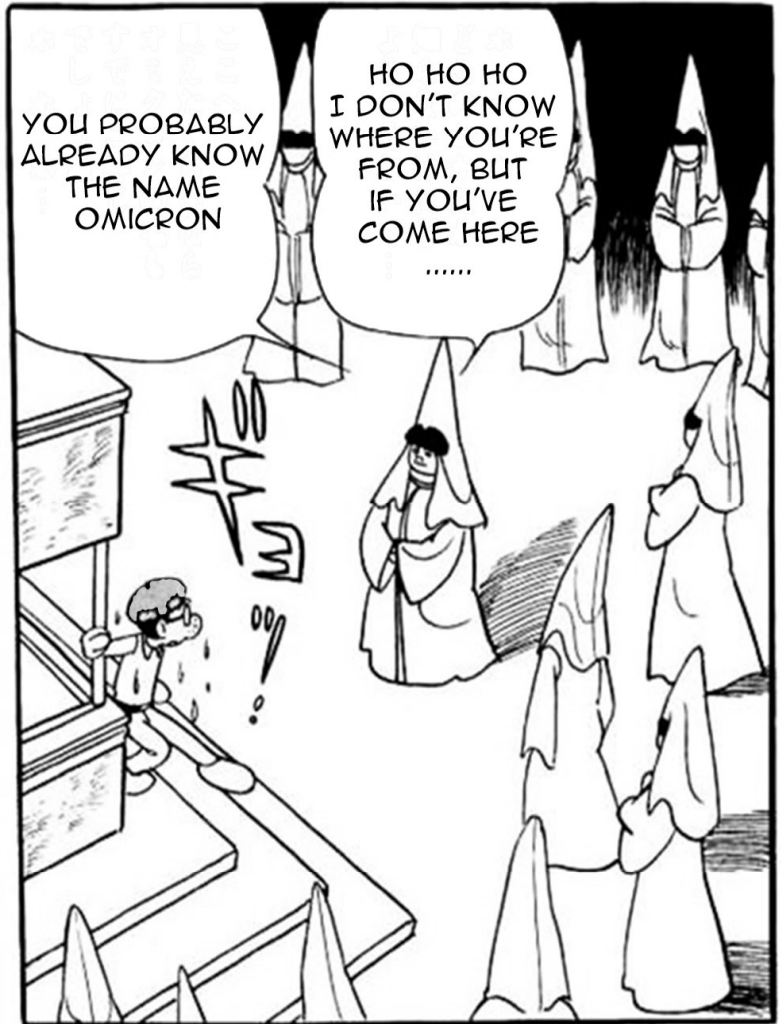


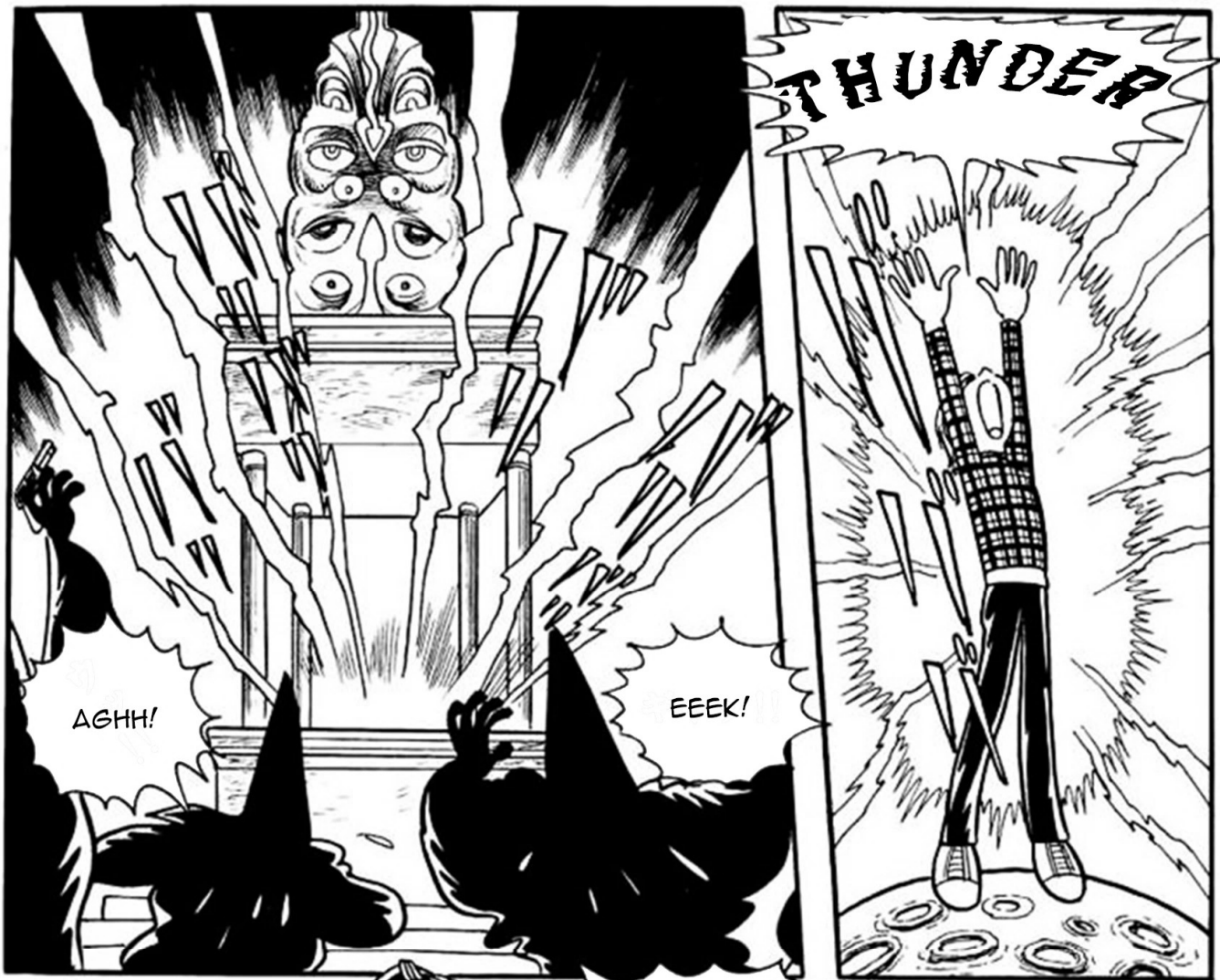


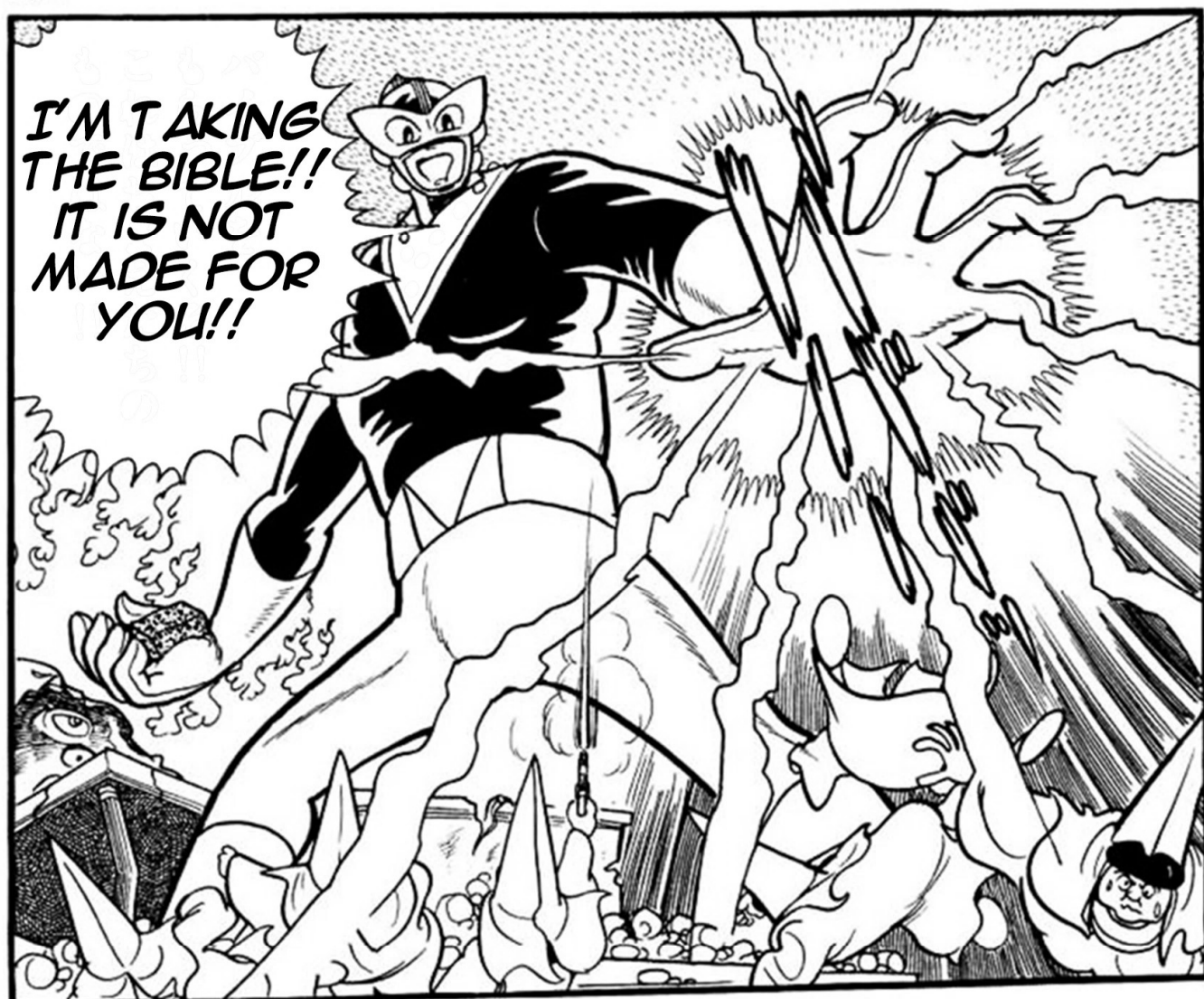




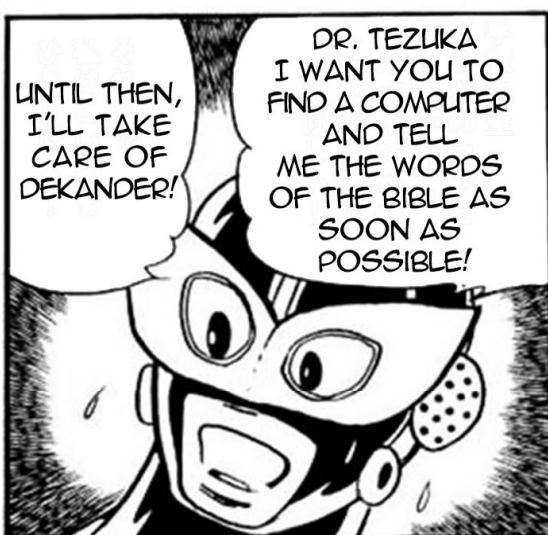
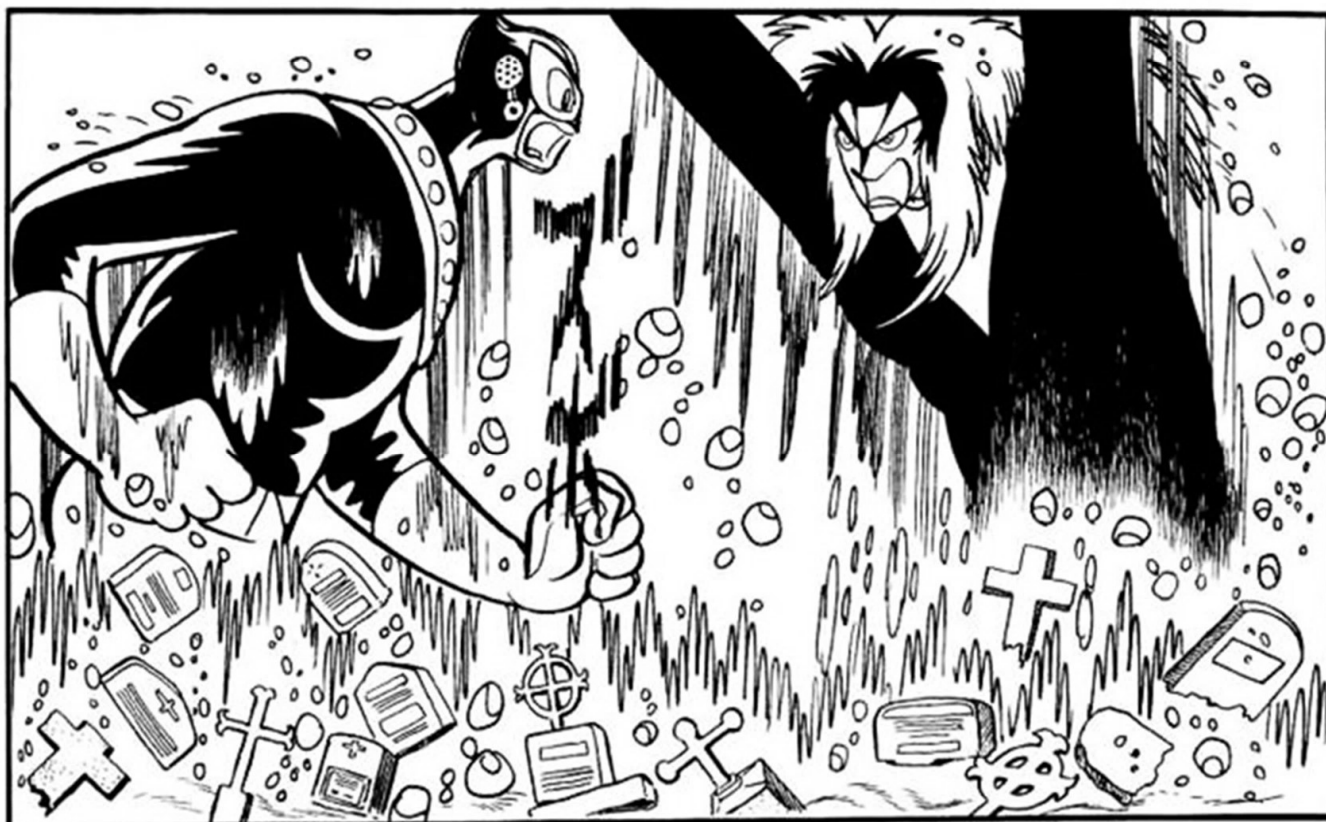


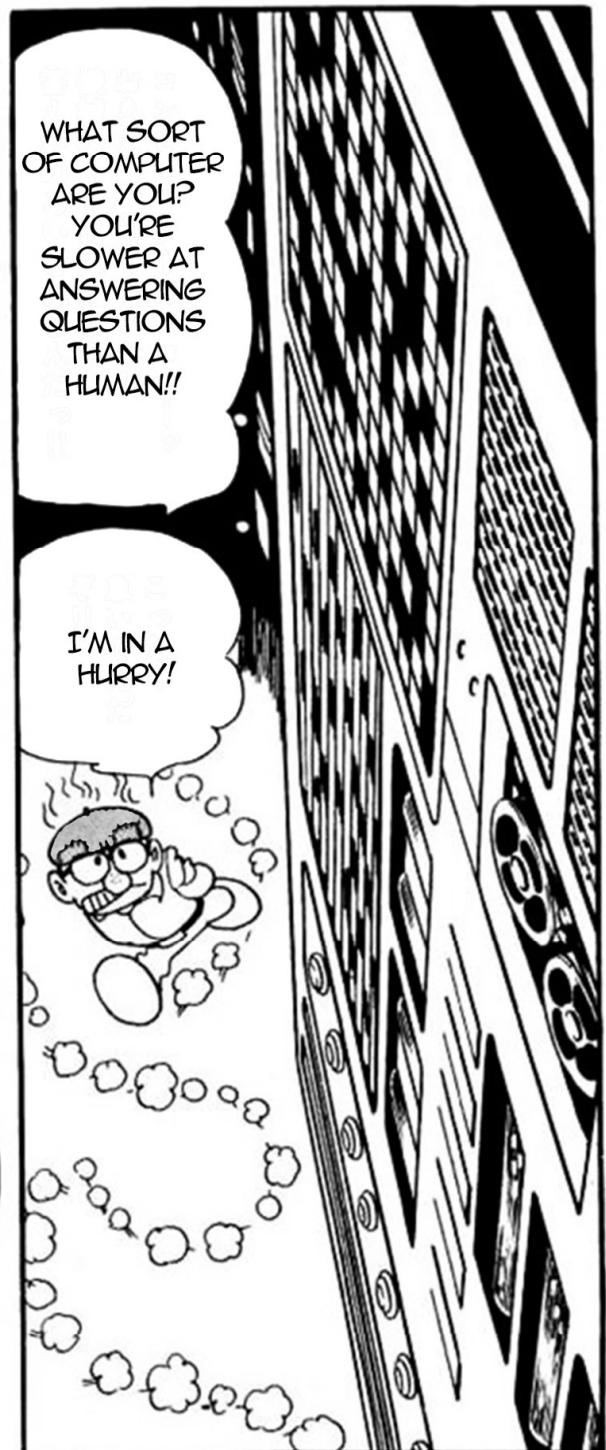
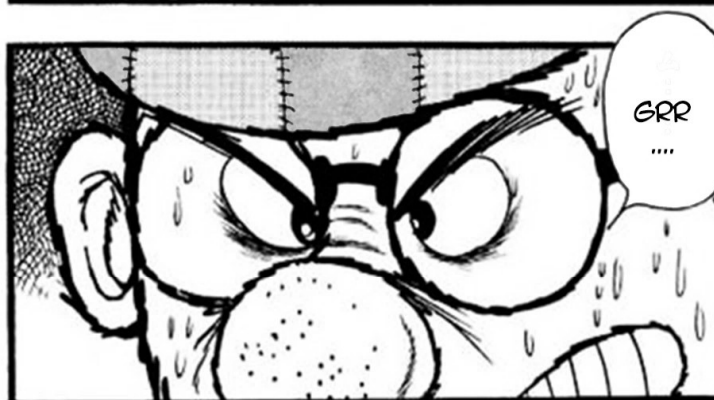
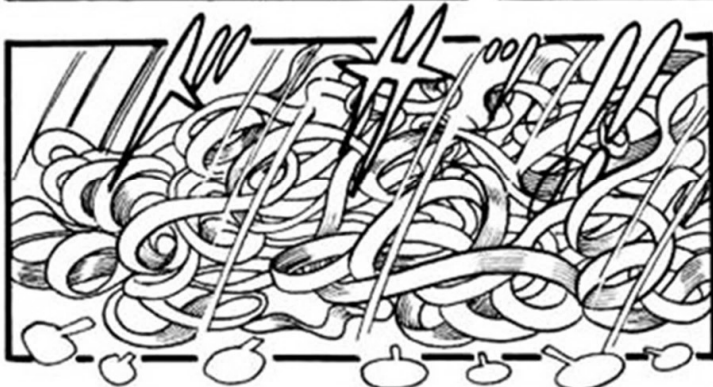
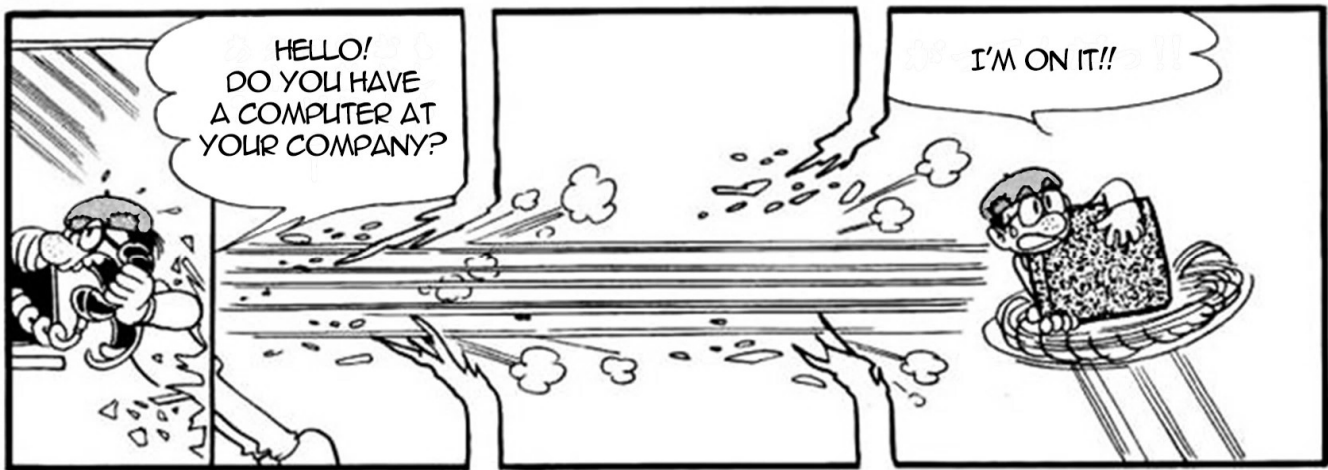












THERE ARE TWO  
TYPES OF LIFE  
IN THE UNIVERSE:  
CARBON-BASED  
LIFE AND SILICON  
-BASED LIFE.  
CARBON-BASED  
LIFE IS LIFE  
THAT CONTAINS  
CARBON IN ITS  
BODY, SUCH  
AS LIFE  
ON EARTH

THE BIBLE  
STATEMENT IS  
A LONG ONE,  
BUT HERE'S  
A QUICK  
SUMMARY



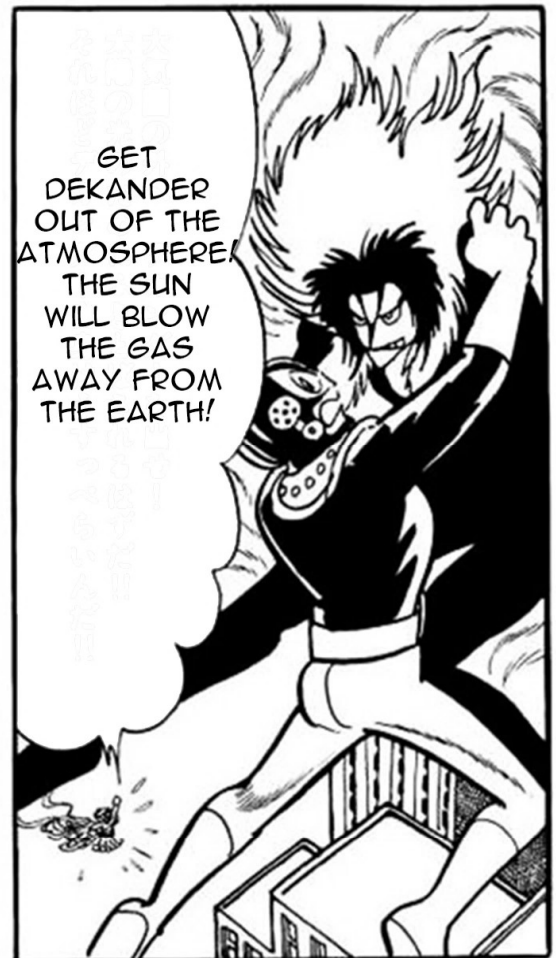
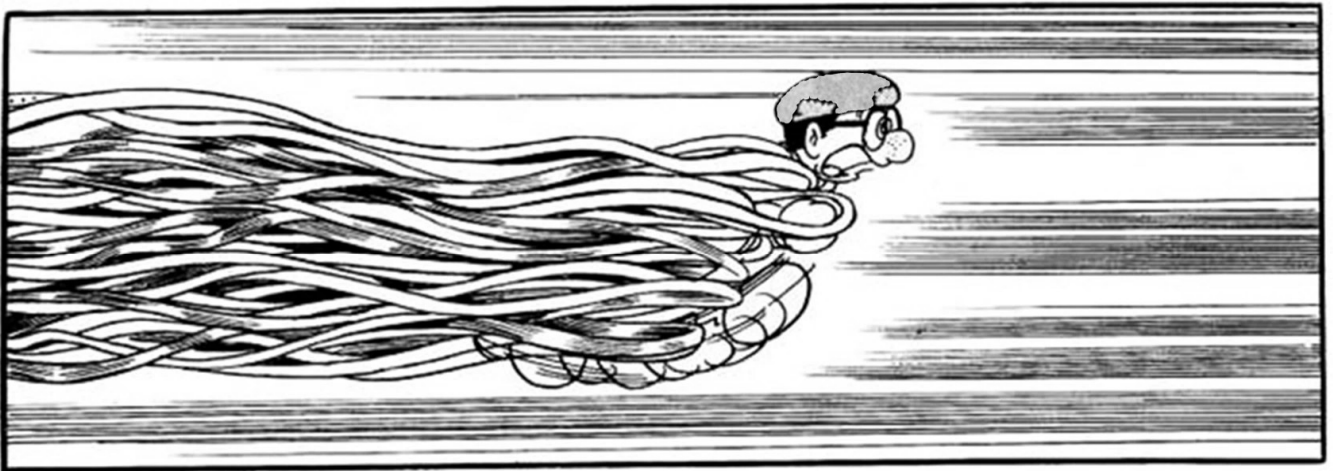
DEKANDER  
IS A  
SILICONE-  
BASED,  
LIVING GAS  
THAT CAN  
TURN  
CARBON-  
BASED LIFE  
INTO  
SILICON  
ROCKS

BUT THE SILICON-  
TYPE HAS SILICONES  
IN ITS BODY, SO  
IT'S A STONE-LIKE  
CREATURE THAT  
LIVES ON A MUCH  
HOTTER PLANET  
AND EATS FLUORINE  
AND AMMONIA  
INSTEAD OF  
OXYGEN

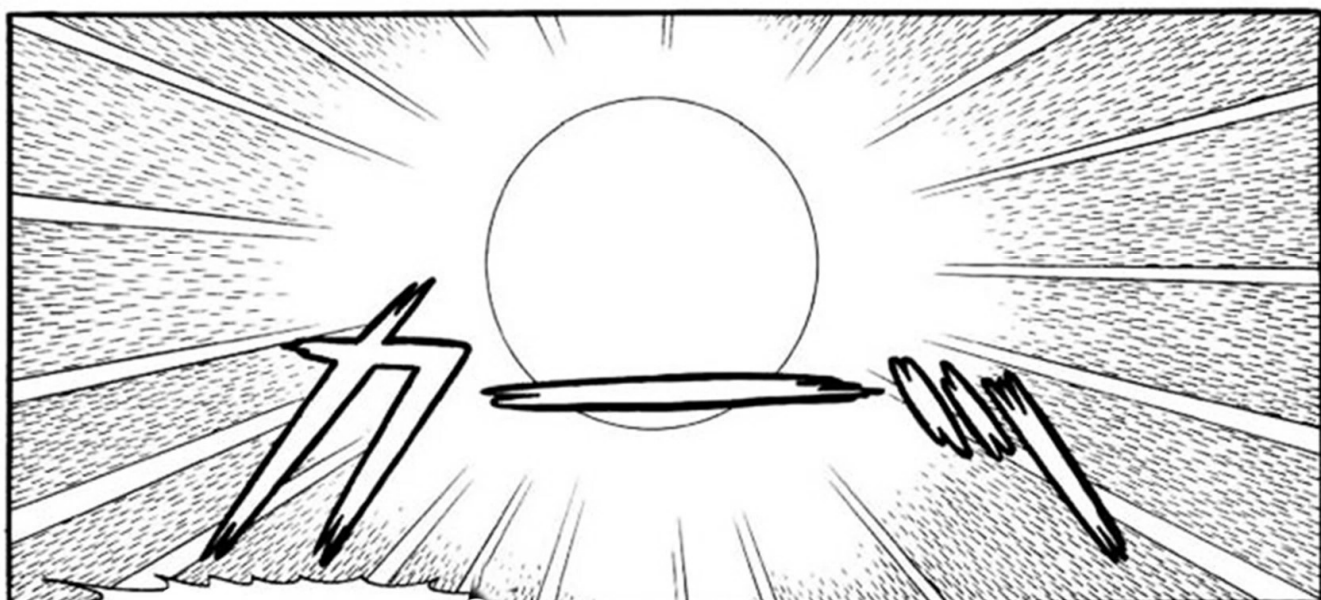
THE GAS OF DEKANDER  
IS LIKE THE GAS OF  
A COMET, WHICH CAN  
BE BLOWN ON THE  
SOLAR WINDS.  
ANYTHING THE GAS  
TOUCHES IS TURNED  
TO STONE











**GYAAAAHH!!**

